

NEWS

Art Co-op seeks new home by May

The Winners Circle Art Gallery received a letter from building owner, Kelly Yousoufian in late November, requesting that the gallery be closed by the end of the year.

Winners Circle Art Gallery has been operating at Apollo's Lyre since April 2009. After the early stirring of interest in fine art in downtown Grayling surfaced during the annual downtown Christmas Walk in 2008, Yousoufian gave the Watershed Art Project permission to use her building for a special invitation art exhibit. The success of that show and several other art events that followed inspired Terry Dickinson to work out an arrangement where Apollo's Lyre would house a permanent art gallery operated by a coalition of local artists. Pg. 22

SPORTS

Bucks pull away late, Vikings fall 47-35



The Grayling Vikings cut Roscommon's fourth quarter lead to as few as five during Wednesday night's varsity girls basketball contest, but the Bucks — the home team — pulled away late in the game to win by 12, 47-35.

"We played a little tight. With a new system and a new year, we started the game hesitant," Coach Joe Powers said. "After trailing 28-23 at half-time, the game was very consistent until the second half of the fourth quarter, where we had to get drastic to try to close the deficit."

On Friday night, the Vikings won 58-45 at Leland. Pg. 15

JV girls start season with road wins vs. Bucks, Comets



Grayling High School's junior varsity girls basketball team posted a 9-0 run in the second quarter of Wednesday's season opener at Roscommon, and the Vikings maintained a lead of no fewer than seven the rest of the way in a contest that Grayling ultimately won by 10, 31-21.

"Our philosophy is to press, play at a fast pace, and take more shots than the other team. We did that in our first game and it led to a win," Coach Doug Pummell said. Pg. 14

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Michigan authors will appear at Night Before Christmas reading

Elves among us...Could it be that right here in Crawford County live some of Santa Claus' special elves?

During the annual "Celebration Night...Before Christmas" program at the Crawford County Devereaux Memorial Library, Crawford County Library Director Bambi Mansfield will honor two individuals residing in Grayling who have exemplified the true spirit

of Christmas.

Dominick Perry, a third grade student at Grayling Elementary School, developed a passion for building trains and authored his first book, "How You Make a Train." Perry is not any ordinary young man. As a second grade student at the AuSable Primary School, he met many challenges associated with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and faced them head on. Cheryl

Lowes, a paraprofessional with the Crawford AuSable School District, was impressed by his dedication and determination and assisted him in the process of creating his book. She shared his book with Mansfield.

"The Crawford County Library System is honored to acknowledge Dominick and those who have helped him. It is unfortunate that individuals with

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Toys for Tots campaign gathers steam

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Two dozen Grayling businesses are participating in the Toys for Tots for Crawford County in hopes to getting toys under the Christmas trees of children in need.

Toys for Tots donation boxes have been placed at Cornell Insurance Company, Glen's Market, Kim's Magic Nails, Citizens Bank, Chemical Bank, Walgreens, Rite Aid, the Grayling Senior Center, Mercy Manor, Wendy's, Dollar General, Curves, Goodale's Bakery, Family Video, the Grayling Mini Mall, Riverland Gear and Dry Cleaning, Huntington Bank, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, the Grayling Eagles Club, Family Dollar, Dawson and Stevens Classic 50's Diner, AAA Insurance office, the Lone Pine Inn and the Ole Barn.

Linda Northrop, the Toys for Tots coordinator for Crawford County and Otsego County, said the organization has been stocking toys early in anticipation of a greater demand for toys. In Crawford County, Northrop has been working hand-in-hand with Crawford County Community Christian Help Center volunteers to put toys on the shelves for the holiday season.

"We have been trying to stockpile toys for when parents come and pick them up for kids," Northrop said.

As families continue focusing on basic needs, putting food on the table and paying the bills, the demand to help at Christmas through the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program has become more paramount.

"Based on the economic conditions, the need for toys is greater than in the last couple of years," Northrop said.

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The Whiffenpoofs wow audience in Grayling

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Grayling native, who is part of the oldest a cappella group in the world, gathered rave reviews in the community and on primetime television in the last couple of days.

The Whiffenpoofs, the world's oldest and best-known collegiate a cappella group, appeared in the Grayling High School's (GHS)

Joseph Stripe Auditorium on Sunday.

This concert highlighted Whiffenpoofs member and Grayling native Robert Ramaswamy, a 2004 GHS graduate. He is the son of Carol and Dr. K. Ramaswamy.

"It was very well attended and it was wonderful," Carol Ramaswamy said of the concert.

Each year, 14 of the finest male singers in Yale's senior class are chosen to be members of the Whiffenpoofs. Ramaswamy is a second tenor in the a cappella group.

During his freshman through junior years at the Ivy League University, Ramaswamy sang with The Society of Orpheus and Bacchus a cappella group. They appeared in Grayling two years ago.

He was chosen to be part of the cream of the crop for the world renowned glee club after auditioning at the end of his junior year.

Besides taking part in music classes and a couple of musicals in Grayling, Ramaswamy has no background in singing in a chorus. Most of the other members are music majors or opera performers.

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"This is a really cool experience and you get to tour the world," he said.

Ramaswamy won't be ordering his cap and gown anytime soon since the Whiffenpoofs will perform over 200 concerts around the world at a wide range of venues including large concert halls, private events, country clubs, schools and churches. Part of their travel includes trying to perform a concert in each member's hometown.

"We work part-time while we travel around singing then we will complete our senior year next year," Ramaswamy said.

Ramaswamy, who is majoring in American studies, said he had no definite plans after graduation.

"I'm sort of trying to put off real life as long as possible," he said.

Founded in 1909, the "Whiffenpoofs" began as a senior quartet that met for weekly concerts at Mory's Temple Bar, the famous Yale tavern. Today, the group has become one of Yale's most

celebrated and hallowed traditions.

The group ends each concert with the Whiffenpoof Song, which can be traced to a 1907 winter trip by the Yale Glee Club, when two of the group's founding members created a humorous adaptation of the Rudyard Kipling poem, "Gentleman Rinkers."

After premiering the song at Mory's Temple Bar, the singers unanimously declared it their anthem. Rudy Vallee, Bing Crosby, Elvis Presley, Louis Armstrong and many others have recorded the song.

Whiffenpoofs alumni are encouraged to come and sing the renowned song with the chorus at the end of each show. A man from Gaylord appeared with the group on Sunday.

"That was unusual for this neck of woods so it was really nice," Carol Ramaswamy said.

The Whiffenpoofs song was a renowned song performed by glee clubs and one of the top sellers for sheet music for decades.

Audrey and Jack

McDonald, Ramaswamy's great-aunt and uncle, traveled to the show from the Upper Peninsula Sunday. They are in their 80s and fondly recalled the song.

"It's definitely a big hit from that generation," Carol Ramaswamy said.

The other songs the group performs span the decades and include special arrangements for the year.

"They're very definitive as far as the background and the times they represent," Robert said. "A lot of times, we just pick our set list as we go."

Betty Bennett said it was a great afternoon for Grayling after attending the Whiffenpoofs concert.

"I thought it was absolutely wonderful and it was fantastic," Bennett said. "His voice was great and he was humorous and he was very gracious when he was thanking us for asking them to come to Grayling."

D.J. Brown, a pianist and retired Grayling music teacher, was tickled to see Ramaswamy on stage.

"I told him how wonderful it was afterwards to see him

up there with such an elite group," Brown said. "It was just so well received by the audience."

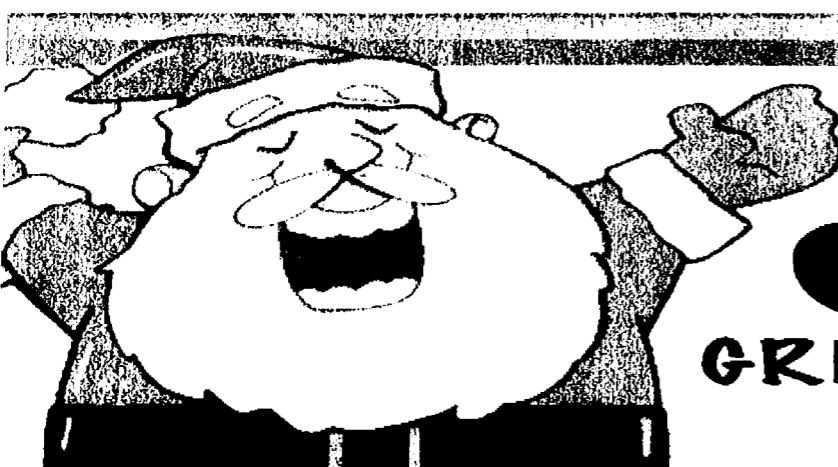
Maureen "Mo" McNamara was pleased to see a Grayling graduate making his mark with the group.

"I think we are just very fortunate to have somebody from Grayling in the Whiffenpoofs Chorus and I was just thrilled," she said.

"There was a good crowd and it was quite an experience to see those young kids up there. His parents should be very proud of him."

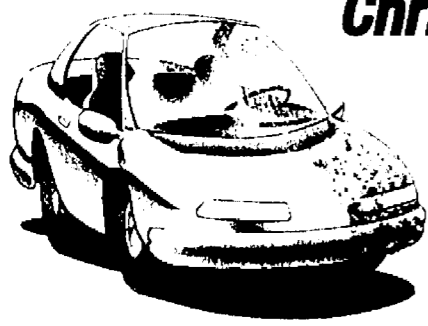
On Monday, the Whiffenpoofs appeared on NBC's second season of "The Sing Off." The group advanced to the second round of the competition against other a cappella groups singing more contemporary music.

Proceeds from the concert will go toward GHS's Project Graduation as well as to defray travel costs for the group. The group performed Friday and Saturday in Traverse City, which is the hometown of baritone and music major Adam Begley.



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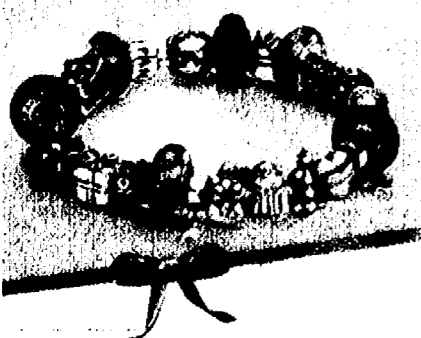
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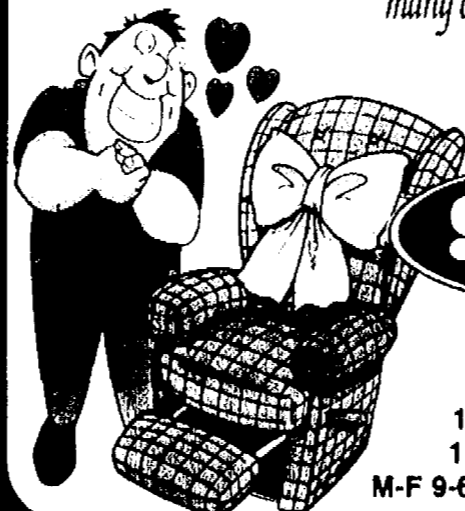
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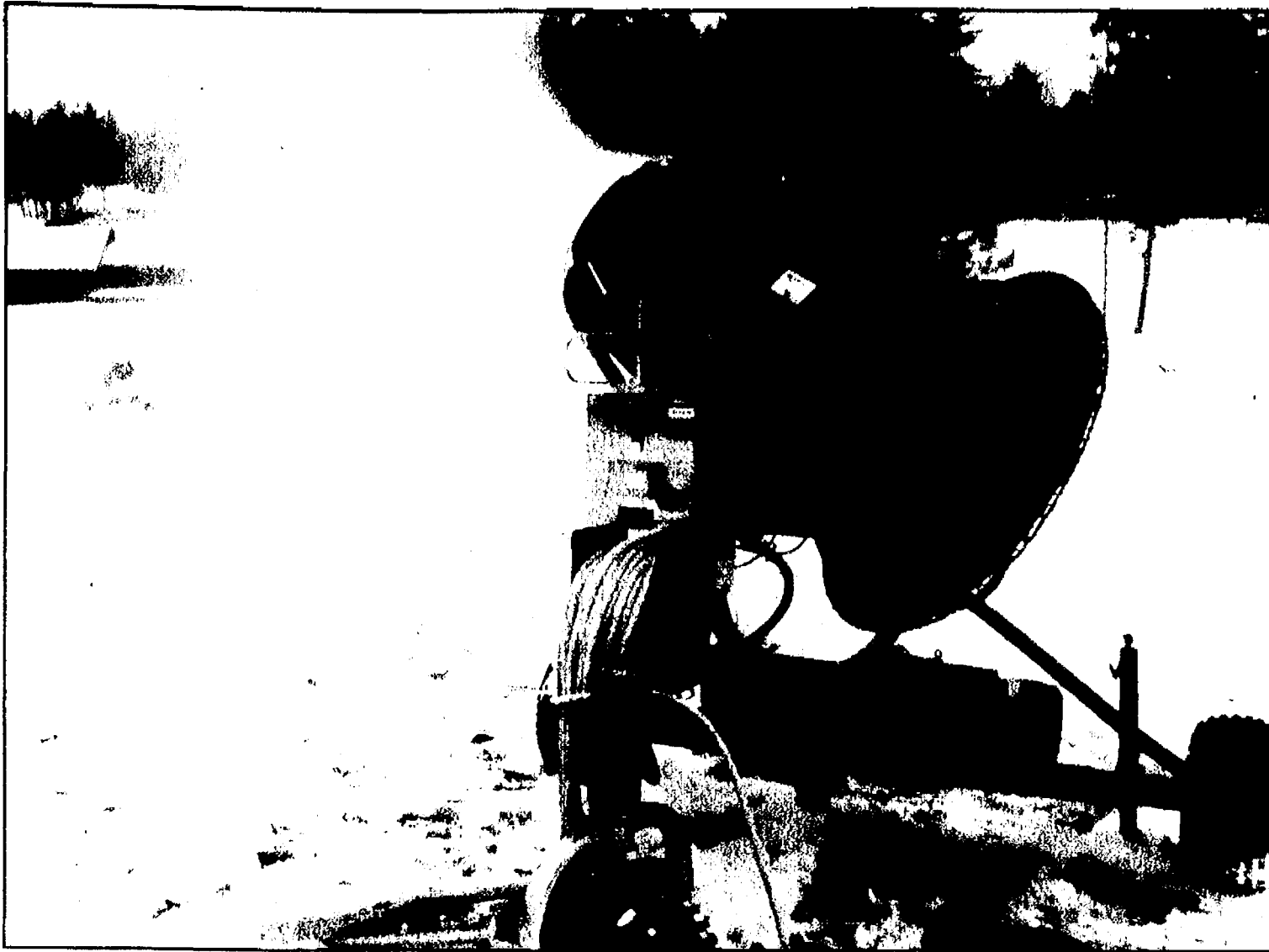


Photo courtesy of Justin Andre

Crews at Hanson Hills Recreation area fired up their snow guns last Thursday with plans of assisting Mother Nature to get a base of snow on the ski hills for the upcoming holidays. The tentative date to begin downhill skiing has been scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 23. An open house to highlight changes made in the rental shop and snack bar and upgrades to the menu will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 20. Downhill tubing will be offered for free if conditions are suitable.

Michigan authors will appear at Night Before Christmas reading

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special abilities are not recognized for their talents more often," Mansfield said.

Impressed with the dedication and collaboration shown in Perry's accomplishments, Mansfield couldn't wait to tell the Friends of the Crawford County Library. The friends group enthusiastically pledged to assist in making copies of his book available as well as providing an opportunity for others in the community to support students like Perry.

Perry's book will be available for a small donation at all Crawford County Libraries with proceeds benefiting the LINKS Group, a peer-to-peer support group designed to support students with autism.

"Since issues of socialization and independence present some of the largest challenges for these individuals, same age peer mentors are a way to link students with autism to the school community. Peer-to-peer support is an evidence based practice demonstrated to be effective for individuals with autism," said Brenda Vaughan, ASD Specialist at the Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon Intermediate School District (COOR ISD).

LINKS groups are run in many variations throughout the state of Michigan. The local group is facilitated collaboratively by COOR ISD, Crawford AuSable School District and is offered at the Grayling Elementary, Grayling Middle and Grayling High Schools. One of the sixth grade students with autism stated: "LINKS group helps us to understand more about our autism and make friends."

Also to be honored that evening is Neil Sauter, who despite having mild cerebral palsy, raised an amazing \$80,000 for United Cerebral

Palsy of Michigan by walking 830 miles across Michigan on stilts.

"After I graduated from college I wanted to do something adventurous and productive before settling into a career. I had my heart set on the Peace Corps but was unable to go due to medical difficulties," Sauter said. "At the time I found out that the Peace Corps was out of the question I had just begun my stilt walking career. Then the idea just came to me: I would find an adventure and a cause of my own that I wouldn't have to listen to anybody who told me I couldn't go. I would take a stand for people with disabilities right here in Michigan."

Sauter who stands 9 feet tall on stilts will be on hand to share his personal story and entertain the crowd with holiday tales.

When Mansfield heard about these two amazing Grayling residents, she had a sneaking suspicion they might be one of Santa's special

elves. Although librarians are great at researching almost anything, determining the authenticity of some of Santa's finest is out of their expertise. The only elf authority in Michigan was contacted in hopes of finding out if Perry and Sauter could be the real thing.

Jeffery Schatzer, author of a nationally acclaimed books "The Elves in Santa's Workshop," "The Bird in Santa's Beard" and "The Bump on Santa's Noggin" agreed to be present at the "Celebration Night...Before Christmas" program to investigate these claims.

Schatzer told Mansfield that he had received word from the North Pole that there were many more "Special Elves" in the Grayling area and that it was his personal duty to formally induct them into the infamous Santa's Elves Club that evening.

Michigan authors Schatzer and Perry will be available to autograph and personalize books following

the customary reading of Clement C. Moore's, "The Night Before Christmas."

This program promises to be a magical kickoff to the holiday season with stories, songs and fun for the whole family.

Be sure to wear your pajamas and share some Christmas spirit at the Crawford County Devereaux Memorial Library at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 16.

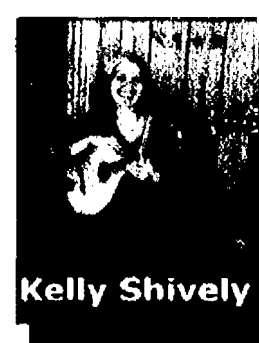
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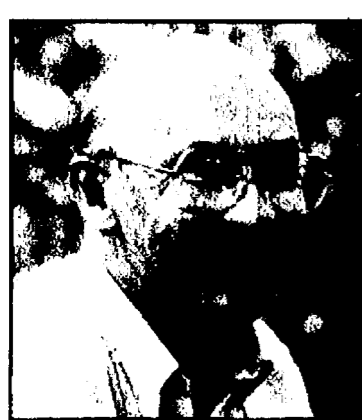
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Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Cash from outside flooded Congress races

IT'S ALWAYS surprising to learn how much money is spent on elections ... and the costs keep rising every year.

On elections in three Michigan congressional districts this year, outsiders poured almost \$18 million into who was elected, according to a recent story in *The Detroit Free Press*.

About half of that – or \$9 million – was shoveled into the 7th congressional district which covers Eaton, Branch, Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee, most of Calhoun and part of Washtenaw counties.

Historically this has been a solid Republican district, but Democrat Mark Schauer of Calhoun County defeated then incumbent Republican Rep. Tim Walberg two years ago.

This year, Mr. Walberg mounted a comeback that is sending Mr. Schauer back to civilian life.

But \$9 million in outside funding for a single seat in Congress

is a lot of money, and represented the most expensive outside influence of any of the 435 congressional races this year.

FOR DEMOCRAT Schauer, \$4.7 million came from outside the district, including \$1.5 million from AFSCME, a labor union of federal, state, county and municipal employees.

For Republican Walberg, \$4.5 million was poured into his campaign from outside the district, including \$3 million from the National Republican Congressional Committee and the Michigan Republican Party.

These figures do not include funds raised and controlled by the candidates themselves and their campaign organizations.

One of the reasons campaigning in the 7th district is so expensive is the number of television markets which reach into the seven counties.

No single TV market domi-

nates the entire district, but TV stations in Lansing-Jackson, Kalamazoo-Battle Creek-Grand Rapids, Detroit-Ann Arbor, and even Toledo reach district voters.

Both candidate campaigns flooded voters with consistent anti-opponent ads, most directly from outside funding sources.

Mr. Walberg winning margin was about 50-45.

IN THE FIRST Congressional District, which covers the entire Upper Peninsula and 15 counties in the northeast Lower Peninsula, plus part of Bay County, Democratic Rep. Bart Stupak's retirement left the seat open.

Republican Dan Benishek of Crystal Falls survived a nip-and-tuck primary and faced another Upper Peninsulan, Democrat Gary McDowell.

Republicans sensed a solid opportunity to gain another Democratic seat, and outside

sources responded with about \$3.3 million for Republican Benishek and \$1.5 million for Democrat McDowell. Mr. Benishek won.

The other close Michigan race was in the 9th District, comprised by most of Oakland County, where incumbent Democrat Gary Peters faced Republican challenger Andrew Raczewski.

Mr. Peters campaign spent about \$3.4 million in total, but less than \$900,000 came from outside the district. Mr. Raczewski's campaign spent about \$1.8 million, with another \$3 million or so from the Michigan Republican Party.

Incumbent Peters won again in another close one.

IN SUMMARY then, outside

funding sources were vital in winning two new Republican seats from Michigan, and came very close in a third.

So to whom do the winning candidates – and the losing ones, for that matter – owe the deepest allegiance and greatest obligation:

To the folks back home who voted for them... or to the special interests and contributing groups from outside their districts who paid for and made possible the messages that persuaded the voters to decide the way they did? Who calls the signals?

It is always surprising how much money it costs to run a successful campaign for public office.

It is perhaps even more surprising that groups and individuals are willing to come up with that sort of money.

Who really wins elections? And where is the accountability?

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Viewpoint

By Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield

Safety tips for on-line holiday shopping

On-line shopping is a great way to save time, travel and money but with the increase of on-line shopping Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield wants to remind shoppers to keep their identities safe.

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Print out and keep all copies of receipts. Keep all your receipts in an organized file that you can easily access in case of any problems. Matching those receipts with the packing lists that come with the products will ensure you receive everything that you ordered.

For more safety tips Sheriff Wakefield encourages residents to visit the Michigan Sheriff's Association website at www.misheriff.org where you can sign up to receive monthly newsletters. Founded in 1877 the Michigan Sheriff's Association is the oldest law enforcement organization in Michigan.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to the Crawford County Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on

lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

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Briefs

Church to hold cookie sale

A Cookie Sale will be held at St. Mary's Family Center on Spruce St., on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

COA to hold Medicare enrollment

The COA, is providing free counseling and application assistance for those Crawford County residents who would like to review their Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Part D for 2011. Enrollment will be held all day at the senior center on Thursday, Dec. 9. If you would like to meet with a counselor, contact Sandy Russell at the COA at 348-7123.

Church to host Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Michelson Memorial UMC, sponsored by the Youth Group. \$5 per person includes breakfast and a picture with Santa. Elves will help children shop for their parents. Gifts are \$1 or less.

GRA to hold board meetings

The elected officers of Grayling Recreation Authority will hold regular board meetings at the Crawford County Building's Commissioners room from Nov. 2010 - April 2011 and at Hanson Hills Recreation Area Main Lodge from May 2011 - Oct. 2011. All meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 8 a.m.

Band boosters to hold meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling Middle School Band Room. Parents of band students are encouraged to attend and become involved in activities that support the instrumental music program for all Grayling schools.

Moose Lodge to have Christmas Party

Grayling Moose Lodge #1162, S. Grayling Rd., and Old 27, in Beaver Creek Township, will have their Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Kids ages 2 to 12, can visit with Santa Claus and get a stocking. The party is open to the public.

Vikings bands to hold concert

The Grayling Viking Bands will be performing their annual Christmas Concert, Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling High School Auditorium. The performing groups for this concert includes the Sixth Grade Band, Seventh Grade Band, Eighth Grade Band and the Grayling High School Band. The concert is free and is open to the public.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:
Friday, Dec. 10 - Lunch - chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables and a banana. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Card Golf, 12 p.m. Frederic/Maple Forest Satellite meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.
Monday, Dec. 13 - Lunch - sloppy Joe, O'Brien potatoes, broccoli and pears. Dinner - meatloaf, mashed potatoes, cauliflower and orange sections. 10 a.m. quilting, 12:30 p.m. Zumba Gold, 1:30 p.m. Clogging, 1 p.m. Bridge, 2:30 p.m. Bunco.
Tuesday, Dec. 14 - Lunch - beef tips with noodles, green beans, cauliflower and mandarin oranges. Dinner - fried chicken, oven roasted potatoes, corn and fruit cocktail.

10 a.m. Bible Study and Zumba Gold, 1 p.m. Euchre, 3 p.m. Medicine Shoppe Bingo, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Dec. 15 - Lunch - chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes and fresh fruit salad. Dinner - florentine shells, parsley potatoes, carrots, peaches and apple crisp. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool league and Wii Bowling.

Thursday, Dec. 16 - Lunch - lasagna with meat sauce, Italian blend vegetables, beets and an orange. Christmas Dinner - roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and pearl onions, fresh fruit salad and cherry cheesecake. 10 a.m. craft class, 1 p.m. UNO Attack and Pokemo, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Christmas Dinner.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

'Christmas at the Rialto' to feature live performances

As part of the growing AuSable Artisan Village (AAV) concept that will integrate the performing arts with the visual arts, an acoustic music concert series, "Live at the Rialto," will begin with a Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m.

"Christmas at the Rialto" will be the first in the series that will bring regional and national touring artists to Grayling, the AAV.

"I'll be very happy to see live performances here in the theatre again" said George Stancil, the third generation owner of the historic Rialto Theatre, on Michigan Avenue. "It's been my desire for a long time to see something like this happen here."

Stancil added that although the theatre has been the locale for various plays and events in past years, it has been too long since concerts were presented on the stage.

Christmas at the Rialto will feature four Michigan-based folk/acoustic performers. Ann and Will Rowland of Indian River will perform and host the concert that includes Northern Michigan singer/songwriter Kelly Shively; Bob Marshall, a Detroit area singer/songwriter; Grayling's own Brian Ashton, and a surprise guest.

"This concert will be a lot of fun, with a great variety of music" Ann Rowland said. "It's an honor to bring this group of incredible musicians together in one place for an evening. Kelly's voice is unforgettable. She has an easy way of pulling listeners along with her as she weaves song and story together. Whether playing harp, fiddle or banjo, she's

a delight."

Bob Marshall passed up the chance to tour with a little group called the New Christie Minstrels years ago to pursue a career in law enforcement. In his retirement, "he has dug back into music, which is fortunate for anyone who hears his big, resounding baritone voice accompanied by solid guitar playing and a dose of humor" Rowland added.

"It is only right, in a town that is home to a high quality artist like Brian Ashton, to include him in the concert" she said. "Ashton's abilities are not limited by six strings, he's a multi-instrumentalist whose music has him in high demand for weddings and other events where professionalism counts. Every now and then these fantastically talented people choose a small town to call home. Grayling is lucky to have Brian."

According to Terry Dickinson, the AAV President, the performing arts have been part of the AAV vision from the beginning. "We need residents to see that the AuSable Artisan Village encompasses more than the visual arts. The Rialto seems like a perfect venue for this."

Tickets for the concert are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. They can be purchased in advance from Flowers by Josie or at the door on the night of the show. The doors will open at 6:15 p.m. for the 7 p.m. performance.

"I think this is a great way to bring people into Grayling's downtown" said Ilene Wilson of the Grayling Visitors Bureau. "This can only be good for Grayling."

Cage fights slated for Saturday

The Rumble at the Ramada, a mixed martial arts cage fighting event featuring several local competitors, will be held at the Ramada Inn of Grayling on Saturday, Dec. 11.

A weigh in event for the competition will be held at the Ramada Inn's AuSable Sports Bar at 8 p.m. on

Friday, Dec. 10.

On Dec. 11, there will be a dinner at the Ramada Inn at which fans can meet the fighters and get autographs. The cage fights will start at 8 p.m. on Saturday night.

Tickets are available now at 989-348-9217 or www.newworldcombat.com.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Dec. 5 of \$25 each; Ted Stephan, Rich Calkins, Wendy Reycraft and Steve Green.

Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for Dec. 3 was Scott Gabriel.

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The Bible Speaks

God's Love Is Honest

Romans 12:9-11 teaches Christians how to know and how to show God's love in this sinful world. In Rom 12:9 we are taught God's love is honest, not hypocritical: "9Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good." God's love respects God's moral absolutes.

First, God's honest love is genuine toward everything. "9Let love be without dissimulation...." The word love is translated from the Greek word "agape." The best expression of God's love is found in John 3:16: "16For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." God's love is real and honest in every way. God's highest requirement for us is love toward God and our neighbor. (Mark 12:28-31). God's love is "without dissimulation" which means without hypocrisy. There is nothing false or deceptive about God's love.

Second, God's honest love is grieved toward evil or wickedness. "Abhor that which is evil...." God's love is tough love. God's love abhors or hates evil. God's holiness will not

permit Him to even look upon evil. "Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity...." (Hab 1:13). Psalm 97:10 teaches us, "Ye that love the LORD, hate evil...." Psalm 119 teaches us the more we love God's truth the more we hate lies: "I hate and abhor lying; but thy law do I love." Amos 5:15 teaches us to love good and hate evil: "15Hate the evil, and love the good...." Ecclesiastes 3:8 teaches us there is, "A time to love, and a time to hate...."

We live in a culture like that of Micah 3:2 where people "hate the good, and love the evil...." The righteous are pressured, censored, and slandered into silence by the evil of "political correctness." When we become "victimized" into silence we displease God. "15Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey; and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment." (Isa 59:15). Some "hate crimes" of this world are based upon love of sin and hatred of God and His word..

We need people like Jehu who questioned and rebuked King Jehoshaphat in 2 Chronicles 19:2: "...Shouldst thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore is wrath upon thee

from before the LORD." Who will defend the Jews in Israel and the Christians in America? Who will defend our God-given unalienable rights in the Declaration of Independence and our justice and liberty under law by the U. S. Constitution? Who will defend the life of the unborn? Who will defend the biblical family structure? I believe God is saying to America today what He said to Israel in Ezekiel 22:30: "30And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." How long will God spare America?

Third, God's honest love is glued to the good. "...cleave to that which is good." "31Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:31,32). "21Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. 22Abstain from all appearance of evil." (1Th 5:21,22). Pastor "B"

The Bible Speaks is a paid advertisement and does not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Crawford County Avalanche.

Obituaries

Mary E. Bishop

Mary E. Bishop, 75, of Grayling, passed away on Wednesday, December 1, 2010.

She was born in Eagle Grove, Iowa on May 12, 1935, the daughter of the late Edward and Marie (Haaland) Sadler.

She was the widow of Gerald T. Bishop, who preceded her in death in 1993.

She is survived by daughters, Dona (Fred) Stowell of Grayling, Vicki Currihan of Lyons; son, Thomas Bishop of Grayling; seven grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; sister, Bonnie (Bob) Donaldson of Weidman; brothers: Russell (Patricia) of Gaylord, Arnold (Betty) of Three Rivers, Archie (Ruby) of Texas, David (Linda) of Tennessee, Charles (Bea) of Florida, Jim (Margaret) of Lapeer; brother-in-law, Jim Scott of Tennessee; and sister-in-law, Lou Sadler of Colorado.

She was preceded in death by her husband; sister, Barbara; and brother Edward.

A memorial service was held at Sorenson Lockwood Funeral Home on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 2 p.m. with Pastor Dave Schultz officiating.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com or c/o Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home P.O. Box 602 Grayling, MI 49738.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Betty A. Burrell

Betty Ann Burrell, 73, passed away peacefully at the Grayling Nursing and Rehab Center on November 21, 2010.

She was the beloved wife of Cadle Burrell, Jr.

She was a loving, wife, daughter, mother, grandmother and friend to many.

She enjoyed piano playing since she was a young child and still played for the residents of the Grayling Nursing Center.

She was a retired bus driver for the Grayling School District. She also drove for Fenton Schools and Roscommon Schools.

She was the loving mother of Sandra Ann and husband, Tony Rivard, Wendy Sue Crane and husband, Glenn, Lisa Marie Stephan and husband, Tim, Melissa Lynn Hoag and Duane Sawdey and Rick Hoag. Loving grandmother of six: Sophia, Nathan, Shane, Anthony, Samantha and Nicholas; great-grandmother to Jazmin, Anthony, Jermaine, Elijah, Emma and Shalynn. She is survived by her sister, Marie Jeannette Thomas; brother, John "Jack" Sneed; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John H. and Theodore Sneed; sister, Virginia Juanetta Oxley; and grandchild, Shawn Cadle Burrell.

A memorial was held at the American Legion on Nov. 27, 2010.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Condolences can be sent to the funeral home.

Charles Alexander

Charles Robert Alexander, of Leeper, Penn., passed away on November 29, 2010.

A service was held at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home, 638 Wood Street, Clarion, on Dec. 3 and again on Saturday Dec. 4 from noon to 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Online condolences may be submitted to Chuck's family by visiting www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com.

Kay Ann Matthews

Kay Ann Matthews, age 67, of Mio, passed away Friday, December 3, 2010, at Siani-Grace Hospital in Detroit.

She was born in Johannesburg, on July 4, 1943, to Alvin and Wilma (Joslin) Matthews and was raised in Mio.

She received her B.A. in English from the University of Michigan-Flint.

She lived in Grand Rapids where she worked as an account representative for Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

She taught school in Byron Center.

She lived in Grayling, where she worked for Davis Jewelers for many years. She returned to Mio and was a substitute teacher at Mio and Fairview Schools.

She learned to play the piano by ear, and was an accomplished musician with many different instruments she tried, including the ukelele, banjo, guitar, accordion and many others.

She had a close relationship with God. She was a member of Mio Baptist Church. She was also a member of the Tea Party Group and a fond wearer of hats. She lit up the room wherever she went, with her wit, humor and zest for life.

She is survived by her mother, Wilma W. Matthews, of Mio; children: K. Duane Jorgensen of Millington, Teresa (Blair) Willard of Washington, David (Katie) Matthews of Zeeland and Darrin (Nikki) Matthews of Grand Haven; husband, Larry D. Hardy of Mio; sister, Shauna Matthews; brothers, Arney and Ron Matthews; six grandchildren: Mitchell, Meagan, Melanie, Noah, Levi and Judah.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Mio Baptist Church with Funeral Services at 1 p.m. with Pastor Glynn McMorris and Pastor David Barker officiating.

Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to World Vision Gifts, P.O. Box 9716 Federal Way, WA 98063-9716, or www.worldvisiongifts.org.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 75 complaints the week of Nov. 29 - Dec. 5.

Twenty-two general non-criminal complaints, two false alarm activations, one burglary/home invasion, one larceny, one fraudulent activities, one disorderly conduct, six public peace disorderly complaints, one operating while intoxicated, two health and safety reports, six miscellaneous criminal offenses, 12 traffic accidents, one traffic violation-civil infraction, one traffic safety public appearance, two inspections/investigations-property, two family troubles-domestic, nine suspicious situations and three driving violations/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to www.crawfordsheriff.org.

Anna M. Stoddard

Anna Marie Stoddard, 77, of Frederic, passed away on Thursday, December 2, 2010.

She was born in Grayling, on September 13, 1933, the daughter of the late Frances Peter II and Hazel Lucille (Leline) Decker.

She married Charles E Stoddard on February 14, 1953, in Grayling. Chuck preceded her in death in 2006 after 53 years of marriage.

She is survived by daughters: Vicki Ann (Douglas) White of Marlette, Glenda (Joe) Dunckley of Grayling, Patricia (Matt) Gabriel of Frederic, Barbara (Tony) Rose of Gaylord; sons: James (Beverly) Stoddard of Roscommon, Russell (Nancy) Stoddard of Capac, Kenneth Stoddard of Frederic; 19 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, three sisters; two brothers; and grandson, Joey Dunckley.

A funeral service was held at 1 p.m. on Monday, December 6, 2010 at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home with Dan Weaver officiating.

Interment will be at Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic in spring 2011.

Condolences may be sent to family at www.sorensonlockwood.com or c/o Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home P.O. Box 602, Grayling, MI 49738.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

District Health Dept. #10 Calendar

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for December.

Immunization clinics: Dec. 6, 13, 15 and 20 by appointment. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

Family planning clinic: Dec. 7, 14 and 21. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

WIC clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children. Dec. 2, 9, 10, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23 and 29. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training sessions. For information, call 231-876-3839.

Breast and cervical cancer screenings are available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled for Dec. 14 and 21 in Grayling. Call 989-348-7800, ext. 8042, for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings. This is a free program for children ages 3 through 3rd grade. Appointments are necessary. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

The Crawford County branch office of District Health Department #10 is located on Meadows Drive, east of the South I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

Church Directory

Christian Science Society
209 First St. • Suite 103 • Grayling
(989) 732-7001
Sunday Service 10:30 am
April through October
2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church • Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargo
400 Michigan Ave. • (989) 348-2974
www.michelsonmemorial.org • Barrier Free
Traditional Service 9 am
Sunday School (preschool - 12th grade) 11 am
Adult Sunday School 10 am
Modern Service 11 am
(Childcare Available)

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor: Dela Kohert
(989) 348-1909 • Services held Saturday at
Camp Ausable off M-72 East (1st building
on right inside camp entrance)
Saturday Church Service 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Lowells Community Chapel
(Bible based and non-denominational)
Pastor: Larry Hankins
8133 Bald Hill Rd. • Lowells
(989) 348-2701
Sunday School (youth & adult) 9:30 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Wed Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm

Grayling Free Methodist
Pastor: Rick Secord
6652 M-72 West • (989) 348-9093
Early Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 10 am
Morning Service 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult & Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor: Ernie Wagner • (989) 348-5558
heritagebaptist-grayling.org
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
(1/4 mile west of I-75)
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Afternoon Worship 12:45 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Pastor: Gary Wojdan
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Parsonage (989) 348-7466
Sunday School 9:30 am
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Burning Bush Tabernacle
501 E. Michigan Ave.
• Grayling •
First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor: Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm

Unity Church of Today North
Minister: Terry Dickinson
Virtual Church - an E-mail Bible Study
available at umnd@freeway.net

Luzerne Baptist
Pastor: James Durfee • 2247 Durfee Lane
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

Church Alive!
Pastor: Robert D. Klug • (989) 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
Wednesday Evening Service Worship & Prayer
(van transportation available)
URL: <http://burningbushbaptisttabernacle.com>
Pastor: pastor@burningbushbaptisttabernacle.com

Community of Christ
Pastor: Ann Dwy • North Down River Rd. at
1030 Glen Rd. • (989) 348-9751
Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Pastor: Rev. James Beards
Associate Pastor: Peter Eke
Parish Office - 707 Spruce
(989) 348-7657
Saturday Evening Masses 4:30 pm
Sunday Masses 10 am

St. Francis Episcopal
Reverend: Elizabeth Chace
M-72 West • Office (989) 348-5850
Morning Prayer Tue-Fri 8:30 am
Eucharist (Wed) 8:30 am
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am

Resurrection Life Center
Pastor: Bud & Debbie Mann
Mail: 2640 West M-72 Grayling, MI 49738
reslifeccenter.com • Phone: (989) 348-1000
Sunday Service 10:30 am
Midweek Services (Wed) 7 pm
E-mail: reslifeccenter@hotmail.com

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (L.C.M.S.)
905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop
(at junction of M-93 & OM 27)
(989) 348-5921
Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am

Calvary Baptist Church
Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett
M-72 West, Grayling • (989) 348-9220
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm
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Church of Christ
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TV 29 & 8 7:30 am
Sunday Classes 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm
(1st Sunday Evening of every month, there is no service)
Midweek Bible Study (Wed.) 6 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor: Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St. • (989) 348-5325
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

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'The Farm by Lantern Light' presented at Wellington Farm

For the past several years, Wellington Farm, USA has presented "The Farm by Lantern Light" just prior to the holiday season. The event entails a visit to the historic farm, a sleighride and the performance of a play, all rolled into one evening.

The play entitled "A Place Called Wellington" is based upon an event that supposedly took place during the very early part of the 20th century.

Because of the very unique nature of this presentation, reservations are an absolute must. Reservations can be made by calling 989 348 5187, by e-mail to howard@i2k.net or by visiting the website at www.wellingtonfarmpark.org. Price of admission for the event is \$12.50 per person.

Performances of "The Farm by Lantern Light" have been scheduled for Dec. 10, 11, 17 and 18.

The first performance of each evening begins at 6:40 p.m. with additional performances starting every 20 minutes thereafter. The entire evening's experience takes about 2 hours.

As guests begin to arrive at their appointed time and are gathering in the Visitor Center, suddenly things

begin to happen. A crazed woman bursts through the door screaming and sobbing and suddenly guests realize that they are in the midst of an unfolding situation.

Guests then make their way through the farm entrance and board an old fashioned bob-sleigh drawn by a team of matched Belgian horses, and by this means they ride into the year of 1932 where the entire landscape is tastefully illuminated by hundreds of kerosene lanterns.

Patrons leave the sleighride at the Blacksmith Shop where the play, which began in the Visitor Center, continues. Then, by making their way through four additional buildings, the presentation of a very unique Christmas Story is presented by costumed actors.

After a snack of barley cookies and hot cider, visitors reboard the sleighride for the trip back to the Visitor Center.

Wellington Farm, USA is within easy reach of Exit 251 of I-75 and Exit 206 of US-127. Wellington Farm, USA is owned and operated by Wellington Farm Park, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.

Adopt-A-Family program seeks help

The Crawford County Adopt-A-Family program is seeking donations and sponsors to provide families and residents of Crawford County that are in need with food and gifts this holiday season.

Many families, individuals, senior citizens and local foster children will face an otherwise bleak holiday without the help of our program and generous sponsors, said Jessica Downing, the Michigan Department of Human Services Youth Services AmeriCorp VISTA coordinator for Crawford County and Otsego County.

Last year, Downing had 35 families on a list, 16 were successfully adopted and all of the 11 single individuals were also adopted. Each year the agency includes local Crawford County foster children to the list as well. Last year,

we had roughly 42 foster children on the list that were provided with one to two Christmas gifts. This year, the program have 56 foster children and 49 families on the list.

I am in need of donations and sponsors, Downing said.

Last year we received a few financial contributions which we used to buy gifts for the foster children. This year those businesses are not able to make a contribution, and I am in need of donations and gift items for local foster children, Downing said.

For more information about adopting a family or making a donation contact Downing at the Crawford County Department of Human Services office at 230 Huron Street, Grayling, Michigan at 344-5107 or 348-7691.

Conservation district appoints new member

Crawford County resident Craig Woods has been named to the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District board of directors. He replaces Glenn Schieker, who did not seek re-election after 26 years on the board.

Woods retired to this area 15 years ago after a 30-year career with Ford Motor Co. He is also a US Navy veteran. Hobbies include canoeing, wildlife photography and making crafts.

District activities he has participated in include tree planting for many years and entering the annual amateur

photo contest several times. Woods joins Chairman Walt Neilson, Vice-Chairman Tom Zeneberg, Secretary Jim Johnson and Treasurer Jim Bischoff on the board.

Monthly meetings are open to the public and are held the first Wednesday of each month in the office at the Roscommon County Building at 7 p.m. For further information, contact the office at (989) 275-3163 or e-mail barb.stauffer@macd.org. Office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Library News

Teens and tweens are invited to "Teen Frederic" at the Frederic Community Library on Friday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. The evening includes Wii games, holiday crafts and snacks! Call Connie Meyer at 989-348-4067 for additional information.

For "Family Fun in

Frederic" join us at the Frederic Community Library on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 11 a.m. Holiday stories, crafts, snacks...and fun for the whole family.

"Sit n' Knit @ Night" meets at Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 5 p.m.

Flu vaccinations encouraged as part of health promotion

National Influenza Vaccination week - Dec. 5 - 11 - provides an opportunity for communities and families to work together to promote flu vaccination before the traditional winter peak in flu activity.

Flu seasons are unpredictable. But the protection provided by flu vaccine is very real. And it's safer than the risk of getting a severe case of the flu, said Brenda Kailing, public information officer for District Health Department #10.

Even healthy people can get a serious infection from the flu.

"Getting vaccinated not only reduces your chances of getting sick with flu, it helps protect everyone around you by keeping you from spreading flu germs to them," Kailing said.

There are many different strains of flu virus. Each year, health officials predict which three types are most likely to cause flu infection that season. And each year a new flu vaccine is produced. That's why people need a new flu vaccination every year, Kailing said.

This year's flu vaccine provides protection against

the 2009 H1N1 virus that caused so much illness last year. It also protects against the influenza A virus (H3N2) and an influenza B virus. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that overall influenza activity is currently low in the U.S. Tests show this year's vaccine is a good match for the types of virus causing flu illness, Kailing said.

Flu vaccine is widely available this year. More doses than ever have already been produced and distributed to health providers nationwide. Flu vaccines have been given safely for more than 50 years.

Flu vaccine cannot give you the flu. The most common complaints are a sore arm where the shot was given, or a mild fever and body aches.

Annual flu vaccine is recommended for everyone over the age of 6 months.

"Flu can spread rapidly in close family settings, schools, offices and other places where groups of people gather," Kailing said. "Protect yourself and those around you. Get your flu vaccine now."



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- Flu vaccine is for everyone age 6 months and older.
- Flu can be very serious even in a healthy person.

Flu Vaccine Is The Best Way To Prevent Influenza

- Flu season usually peaks in January or February.
- Flu vaccine has been given safely for over 50 years.

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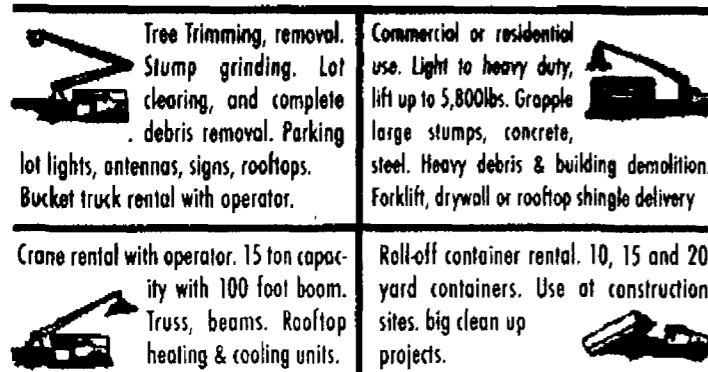
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87th District Court

Sentencings for December 2010

Hon. Janet M. Allen

Joseph Charles Valentini, age 51 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 15, 2010, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to serve 93 days in jail with credit for 93 days served; ordered to pay \$905 in fines; placed on probation for 365 days.

Hon. Monte J. Burmeister

David Linn Scott Jr., age 29 of Houghton Lake - Sentenced on Nov. 16, 2010, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$445 in fines or serve 45 days in jail; placed on probation for 120 days.

John Anthony Schlaff, age 40 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Nov. 16, 2010, for violation of city ordinance #4; ordered to serve 30 days in jail; ordered to pay \$770 in fines or serve 60 days in jail.

Carlos Lorenzo Ledesma, age 21 of Frederic - Sentenced on Nov. 19, 2010, for careless driving; ordered to pay \$197 in fines.

Joshua Richard Morgan, age 23 of Lovells - Sentenced on Nov. 30, 2010, for controlled substance possession of marijuana; ordered to pay \$1,035 in

fines or serve 103 days in jail; placed on probation for 184 days.

Brian Kenneth Johnson, age 22 of Lansing - Sentenced on Nov. 23, 2010, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve 12 days in jail; ordered to pay \$325 in fines or serve 32 days in jail.

Jennifer Roselee Leal, age 24 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 2, 2010, for attempted retail fraud third-degree; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$932.50 in fines and \$30 in restitution or serve 87 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Andrew Dean Webber, age 41 of Saline - Sentenced on Nov. 30, 2010, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve 15 days in jail; ordered to pay \$328 in fines or serve 32 days in jail.

Patrick John Smith, age 61 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 23, 2010, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for three days served; ordered to pay \$1,438 in fines or serve 88 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Pamela Boyce Carr, age 57 of Texarkana - Sentenced on Nov. 2, 2010, for operating while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$585 in fines or serve 58 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

David Aaron Harrison, age 34 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 2, 2010, for reckless driving; ordered to pay \$935 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

James Earl Kidder, age 23 of Saut Ste. Marie - Sentenced on Nov. 2, 2010, for license suspended/revoked-allowed

another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve one day in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$355 in fines or serve 35 days in jail; placed on probation for 120 days.

Mark David Bess, age 43 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 9, 2010, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$795 in fines or serve 79 days in jail; placed on probation for 120 days.

Daniel Robert Clark, age 20 of Grayling Sentenced on Nov. 9, 2010, for controlled substance possession of marijuana; ordered to serve 25 days in jail with credit for seven days served; ordered to pay \$685 in fines or serve 68 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

George Edward Rennie, age 19 of Westland - Sentenced on Nov. 2, 2010, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$335 in fines or serve 35 days in jail; placed on probation for 120 days.

Keith Ryan Forte, age 30 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 9, 2010, for violation of city ordinance #4; ordered to pay \$420 in fines or serve 42 days in jail; placed on probation for 120 days.

Robert Theodore Deja Jr., age 52 of Clinton Township - Sentenced on Nov. 19, 2010, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$1,088 in fines or serve 88 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Dana Paul Metheney, age 47 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 9, 2010, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$495 in fines or serve 49 days in jail; placed on probation for 92 days.

James Stephen Neely, age 31 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 16, 2010, for failure to report an accident; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$720 in fines or serve 72 days in jail; placed on probation for 120 days.

David Anthoni Smith, age 28 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 9, 2010, for violation of city ordinance #4; ordered to pay \$693 in fines or serve 69 days in jail;

placed on probation for 120 days.

Troy Allen Gasser, age 22 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 9, 2010, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$1,085 in fines or serve 88 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Edward Michael Nickel, age 45 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 9, 2010, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$445 in fines or serve 44 days in jail; placed on probation for 120 days.

Stephen Phillip Ashley, age 19 of Bay City - Sentenced on Nov. 16, 2010, for impeded traffic; ordered to pay \$120 in fines.

Christopher Alan Early, age 27 of Gaylord - Sentenced on Nov. 16, 2010, for no proof of insurance; ordered to pay \$160 in fines.

Carol Ann Stone, age 70 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 23, 2010, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$525 in fines or serve 52 days in jail; placed on probation for 120 days.

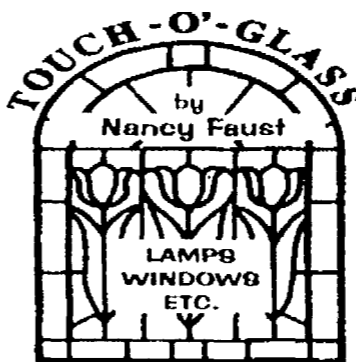
Carol Ann Stone, age 22 of Flint - Sentenced on Nov. 23, 2010, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$525 in fines or serve 52 days in jail; placed on probation for 120 days.

Lorenzo White, age 22 of Flint - Sentenced on Nov. 16, 2010, for disturbance of the peace; ordered to serve four days in jail with credit for four days served; ordered to pay \$773 in fines or serve 77 days in jail; placed on probation for 120 days.

Mark Glenn Fitzgerald, age 47 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 30, 2010, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$928 in fines or serve 92 days in jail; placed on probation for 120 days.

Cassandra Gail Crowell, age 32 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Nov. 30, 2010, for assault/assault and battery; ordered to serve 10 days in jail with credit for four days served; ordered to pay \$848 in fines or serve 83 days in jail; placed on probation for 120 days.

Henry James Cogocar, age 23 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 30, 2010, for impeded traffic; ordered to pay \$120 in fines.



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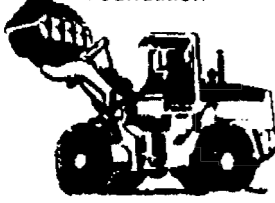
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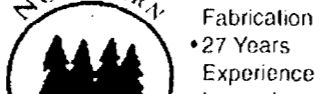
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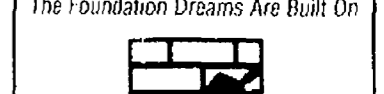
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46th Circuit Trial Court

Sentencings for November 2010

Hon. Janet M. Allen

Dannie Michael Ray, age 32 of Gaylord - Plead guilty on Oct. 1, 2010, to operating under the influence causing incapacitating injury and for a probation violation; sentenced on Nov. 1, 2010, to serve 45 days in jail; ordered to pay \$300 circuit court costs, \$350 attorney fee, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs, \$154 late fee assessment and \$24,399.74 restitution.

Joseph Gregory Dippre, age 21 of Roscommon - Plead guilty on Nov. 15, 2010, to motor vehicle unlawfully driveway and for a probation violation; sentenced on Nov. 15, 2010, to serve 60 days in jail with credit for 23 days served; ordered to pay \$68 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$325 circuit court costs, \$5,218 restitution and \$90.60 late fee assessment.

Johnathan Douglas Bryant, age 25 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Sept. 28, 2010, to breaking and entering with intent and found guilty by the court for being a habitual offender-third conviction; sentenced on Nov. 1, 2010, to serve four years to 20 years in prison; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee and \$68

state minimum costs.

Michael J. Brown, age 44 of Manistee - Plead guilty on July 19, 2010, to child support failure to pay; sentenced on Nov. 1, 2010, to serve 13 months to 48 months in prison with credit for 68 days served; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$68 state minimum costs, \$325 circuit court costs, \$350 attorney fee and \$24,837.94 restitution.

Joseph Gregory Dippre, age 21 of Roscommon - Plead guilty on Nov. 15, 2010, to home invasion second degree and for a probation violation; sentenced on Nov. 15, 2010, to serve 60 days in jail with credit for 23 days served; ordered to pay \$350 attorney fee, \$325 circuit court costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$68 state minimum costs, and \$160.60 late fee assessment.

Benjamin Mark Bertacchi, age 23 of Birmingham - Plead guilty on Sept. 28, 2010, to police officer assault; sentenced on Nov. 1, 2010, to serve 60 days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$5.50 restitution, \$68 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee and \$325 circuit court costs; placed on probation for 12 months.

Daniel Austin Fortin, age 17 of Grayling - Plead

guilty on Oct. 4, 2010, to motor vehicle unlawfully driveway, larceny in a building and escape a juvenile detention facility; sentenced on Nov. 1, 2010, to serve 30 months to five years in prison with credit for 95 days served; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$204 state minimum costs, \$325 circuit court costs, \$350 attorney fee and \$21,337.34 restitution.

Jessie Lee Baker, age 21 of Roscommon - Plead guilty on July 27, 2010, to breaking and entering with intent; sentenced on Nov. 1, 2010, to serve four years to 20 years in prison with credit for 42 days served; ordered to pay \$8,893.73 restitution, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$68 state minimum costs, \$325 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee.

Scott Frederick Grougan, age 47 of Dearborn Heights - Plead guilty on Oct. 4, 2010, to controlled substance use narcotic or cocaine; sentenced on Nov. 1, 2010, to serve 180 days in jail with credit for two days served; ordered to pay \$160 restitution, \$2,000 penal fine, \$53 state minimum fee, \$50 crime victim rights fee, \$325 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 12 months.

Wayne Winford Warwick, age 57 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Oct. 4, 2010, to operating under the influence-impaired operating under the influence of liquor/per se second-offense; sentenced on Nov. 1, 2010, to 90 days in jail with credit for two days served; ordered to pay \$50 crime victim rights fee, \$53 state minimum fee, \$325 circuit court costs and \$500 penal fine.

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Scott Michael Skampo, age 29 of Saint Helen - Plead guilty on Aug. 18, 2010, to substance-deliver/manufacture marijuana; sentenced on Nov. 4, 2010, to serve \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$68 state minimum costs, \$325 circuit court costs and \$370 restitution; placed on probation for 18 months.

David Owen Myers, age 58 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Oct. 19, 2010, to financial transaction device-retain without consent; sentenced on Nov. 15, 2010, to serve 60 days in jail with credit for three days served; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$68 state minimum costs, \$325 circuit court costs and \$3,500 restitution; placed on probation for 12 months.

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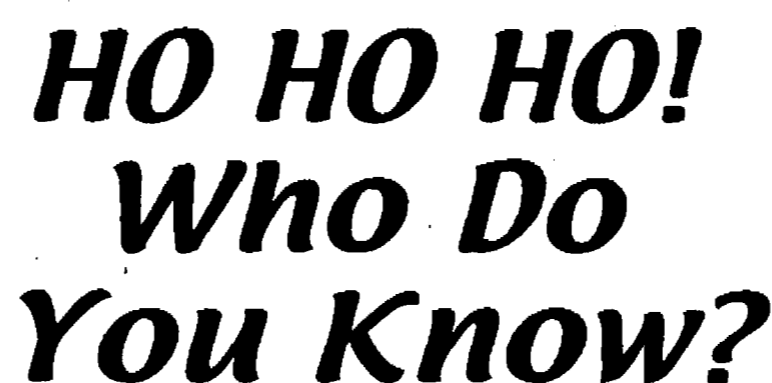
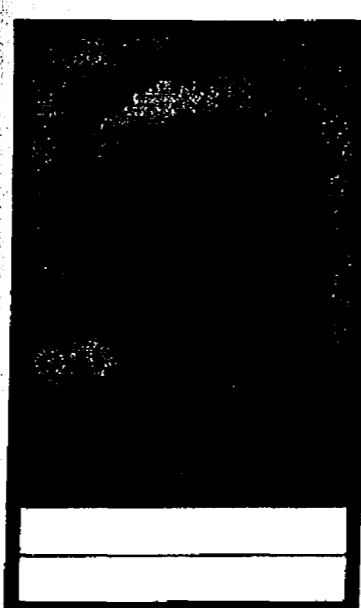
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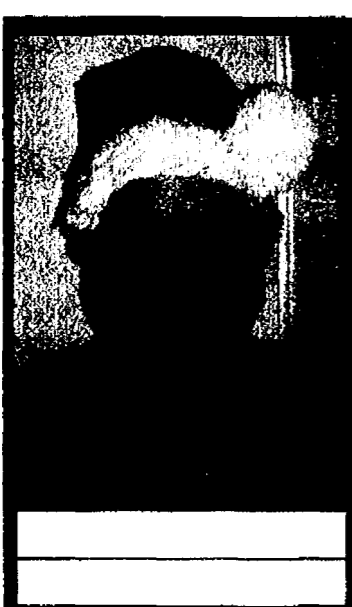
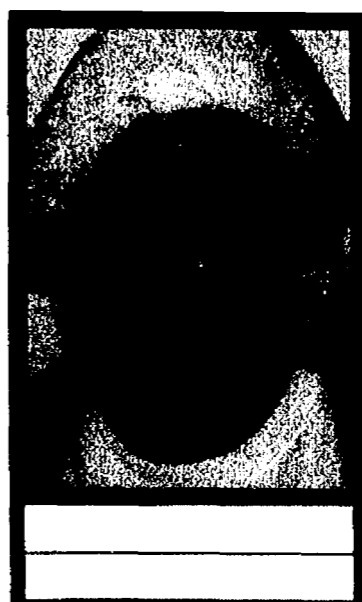
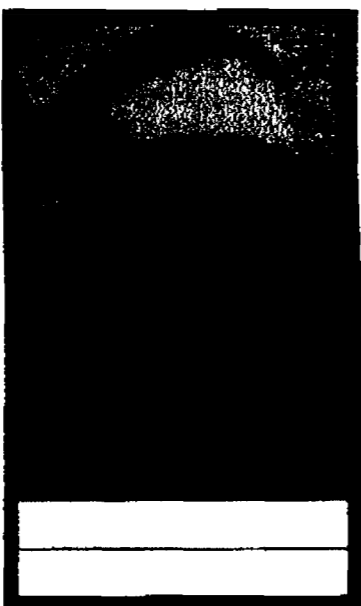
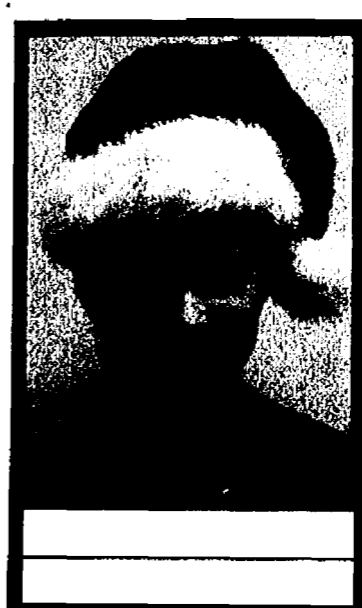
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Trevor Dewitt
All-State Honorable Mention, All-Conference



Jake Small
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Five soccer players earn all-conference honors

Five players from Grayling High School's varsity boys soccer team earned all-league recognition for the 2010 fall season.

Trevor Dewitt, Jake Small, and goalkeeper Evan Korneli earned all-league selections; Corey Kiessel and Queitan Ochogavia earned honorable mentions.

Four of those players – Dewitt, Small, Korneli, and Kiessel – were also named

to the all-district team.

Dewitt, who had 27 goals and seven assists in 2010, also made the all-region team and earned an all-state honorable mention.

Dewitt won the team's

"most valuable player" award and Sean Weeks was named "most improved player."

The Vikings won seven games this year, including one playoff contest.



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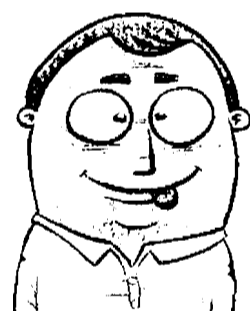
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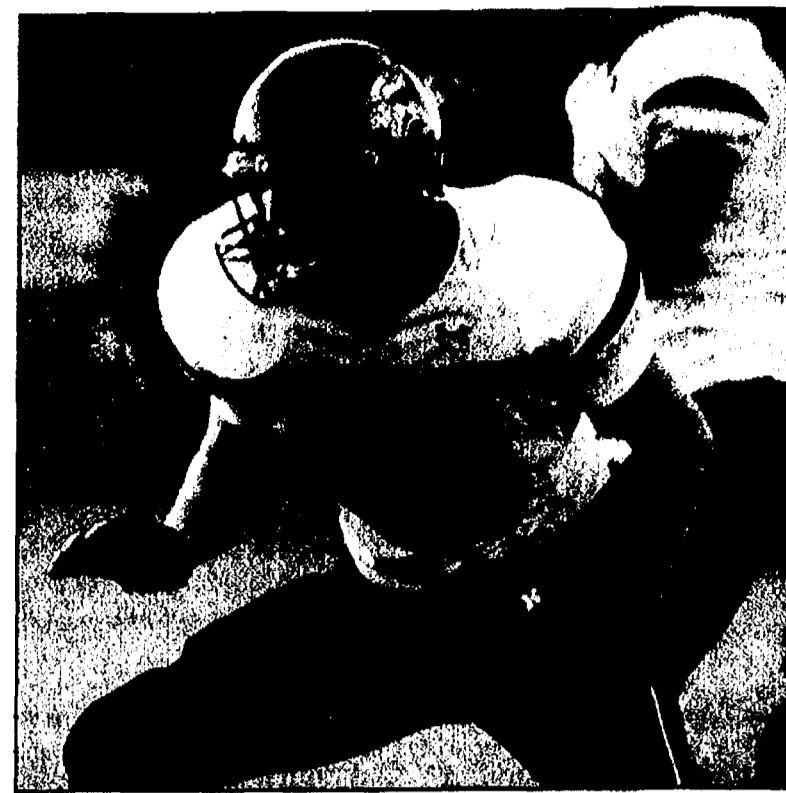
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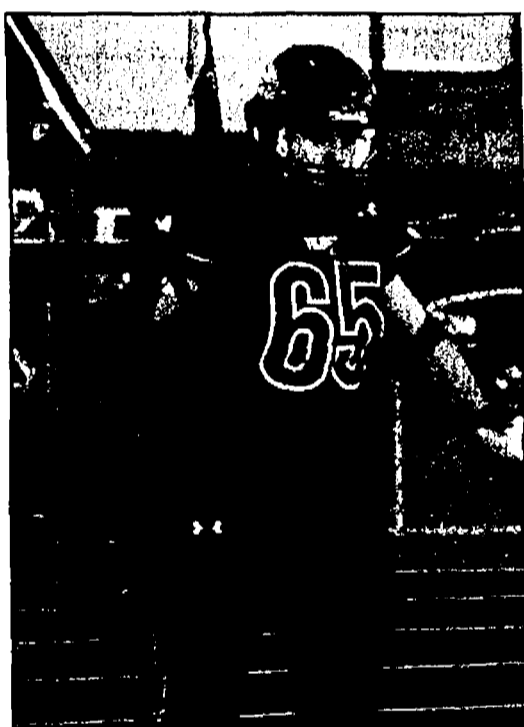
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Two football players earn all-state honors

The 2010 GHS varsity football program – a team that set a new school record for most points in a season

with 396 – had two all-state honorees and eight all-conference selections this year.

Steven Enos, wide receiver and linebacker, was recently named to the *Detroit Free Press* all-state first team and the *Bay City Times* Dream Team. Griffin Dean, a lineman, earned an all-state honorable mention.

The squad's four all-league selections were: Zach Wolcott, quarterback and linebacker; Cody Myers, wide receiver and defensive back; Tyler Brigham, wide receiver and defensive back; Dean, offensive line and defensive line. The team's four all-conference honorable mentions were: Jake Helsel, offensive line and defensive line; Ethan Lewis, offensive line and defensive line;

Riley Zigila, running back and defensive back; Enos, wide receiver and linebacker.

The Vikings announced their team awards on Sunday: Enos, most valuable player (offense); Myers, most valuable player (defense); Helsel, BAHUNA award.

In 2010, GHS tied its school record for most football wins – eight – in a season. Grayling finished third in the Lake Michigan Conference and had one playoff win – a 31-0 victory vs. Standish-Sterling Central in a game played at Viking Stadium – this year.

The team's coach, Tim Sanchez, was named Region 2-Division 5 Coach of the Year by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association.

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Madison Nielson, left, and Whitney Schans, right, shoot for the Vikings on Wednesday vs. Roscommon.



Third period surge helps freshman team win opener

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The Vikings trailed by two at halftime of Wednesday night's freshman girls basketball contest at Roscommon – the season opener for Grayling – but a 10-0 run to start the third period put the team on track for a 28-20 victory.

Both teams scored six points in the first period. Roscommon hit a jump shot to score the first points of the match. Grayling scored two on a lay-up by guard Tandy Mitchell. After 3:32 of scoreless play, center Hailey Petty hit a jump shot for the Vikings. The Bucks scored two on a jump shot. A basket by guard Aleeshia Allison gave Grayling a two-point lead. Roscommon scored a jump shot at the buzzer.

The two teams combined for just six points in the second quarter. Roscommon scored the first basket of the period at the 5:33 mark. At the 2:25 mark, Petty converted a jump shot for the Vikings. The Bucks scored a put-back in the final minute of the half.

Roscommon had a 10-8 advantage at halftime.

Grayling opened the second half with a 10-0 run. Forward Whitney Schans scored on a put-back. Mitchell drove for a lay-up. Petty hit a jump shot. Schans scored two more on another put-back. Petty, at the 3:09 mark, scored another jump shot – her fourth of the game.

Roscommon scored the next two baskets – a put-

back and a jumper – to pull within four, 18-14. Grayling hit the last shot of the third quarter – Petty's fifth jumper of the match – and led by six, 20-14, going into the final eight minutes.

The Vikings opened the fourth quarter with six unanswered points, including two inside shots by Schans and a basket by guard Makayla Cragg. Grayling led by 12 with 5:47 remaining in regulation.

The Bucks scored the next three baskets to pull within six, 26-20, with 3:51 left in the game.

Roscommon did not score in the final 3:51. Grayling added one more basket, a put-back by Schans – her fifth bucket of the contest – and the Vikings won by eight, 28-20.

Petty and Schans scored 10 points apiece for the Vikings. Mitchell had four points. Cragg and Allison finished with two points apiece.

"Whitney Schans was a physical presence down low. Hailey Petty came in and lit it up with 10 points off of some hot shooting. Tandy Mitchell had an active game, especially defensively, as she pressured their point guard full court and recorded some steals. Makayla Cragg did a little bit of everything for us. And Maddie Nielson worked hard down low as well," Coach Brooke Knight said. "Overall, everyone had a good game for us."

"I was pretty excited with how our first game went.



Makayla Cragg handles the ball for Grayling at Roscommon on Wednesday.

The girls played hard and responded very well to any adjustments we made during the game. We played physical, with energy and enthusiasm, and I'm very excited to work with these

girls throughout the season and to see them progress," Coach Knight said.

The freshman team (1-0 overall) will play at Elk Rapids on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 4:15 p.m.



Hailey Petty, left, takes a jump shot for the Vikings on Wednesday. Logan Miller, right, dribbles the ball for Grayling vs. the Bucks.



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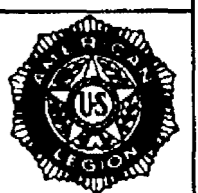
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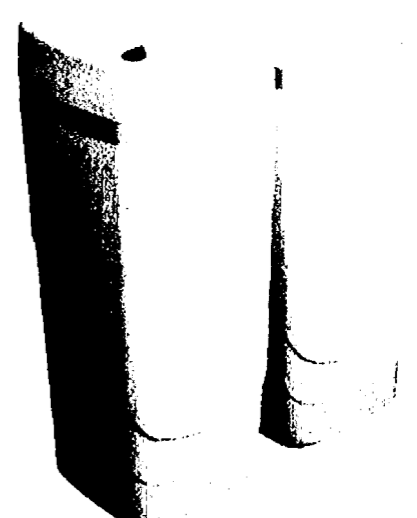
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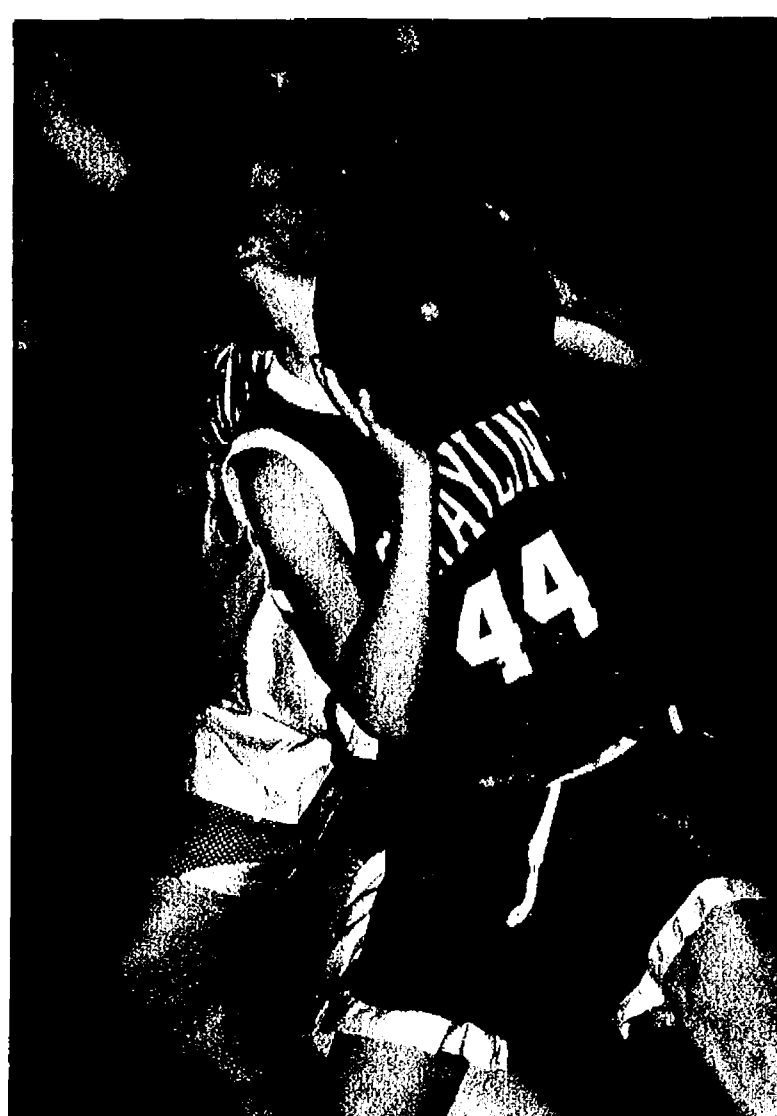
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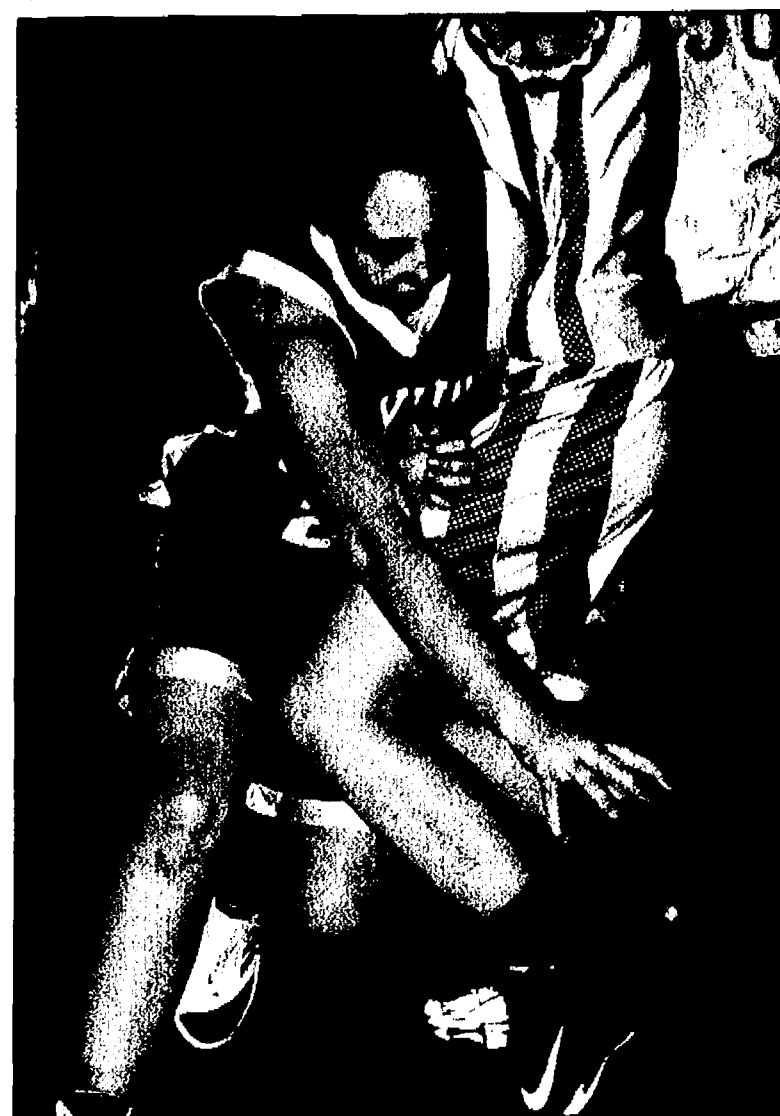
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Hannah Haven shoots the ball for Grayling on Wednesday night vs. the Bucks.



Meagan Malm tries to dribble around a Roscommon defender on Wednesday.

JV girls start season with road wins vs. Bucks, Comets

Vikings finish week one with overtime win at Leland

Grayling High School's junior varsity girls basketball team posted a 9-0 run in the second quarter of Wednesday's season opener at Roscommon, and the Vikings maintained a lead of no fewer than seven the rest of the way in a contest that Grayling ultimately won by 10, 31-21.

The Vikings outscored the Bucks 8-4 in the first quarter. Grayling scored the first two baskets with lay-ups by forward Hannah Haven and guard Meagan Malm. The Bucks scored an inside shot — their first points of the game — at the 6:26 mark. Haven and center Maddie Benardo hit jump shots for GHS. Roscommon scored a put-back in the final minute of the first period.

The Bucks scored the first basket of the second period to pull within two. Grayling then scored nine unanswered points with a free throw by Malm, a jumper by Benardo, a jump shot by guard Stanna Dorn, a basket by center Marie Lautrup, and two free throws by guard Alyssa Morley. The Vikings led 17-6. Roscommon scored the last three points of the second quarter and Grayling led 17-9 at halftime.

The Vikings edged the Bucks 8-7 in third quarter points. Grayling scored its eight points with a jumper

by Haven, an inside shot by Morley, a lay-up by Haven, and a jump shot by guard Samantha Hansen.

In the fourth quarter, Grayling scored six points and Roscommon had five. The Vikings scored on a lay-up by Haven, a jump shot by Morley, and free throws by Lautrup and Morley.

Grayling won 31-21.

"Our philosophy is to press, play at a fast pace, and take more shots than the other team. We did that in our first game and it led to a win. We were short-handed with eight players and got tired late in the game, but we did a lot of good things, including all eight having at least one steal and seven girls scoring," Coach Doug Pummell said.

Haven finished with 10 points and six steals for GHS. Morley had seven points and four steals. Benardo had four points, Malm had three points and four steals, and Lautrup had three points and four steals. Dorn had two points, five rebounds, and four steals. Hansen finished with two points. Tara Pummell had three steals.

The Vikings also won on Friday, defeating the Leland Comets 38-36 in overtime in a game played at Leland.

Grayling led 22-16 at halftime, but the Comets had a one-point advantage



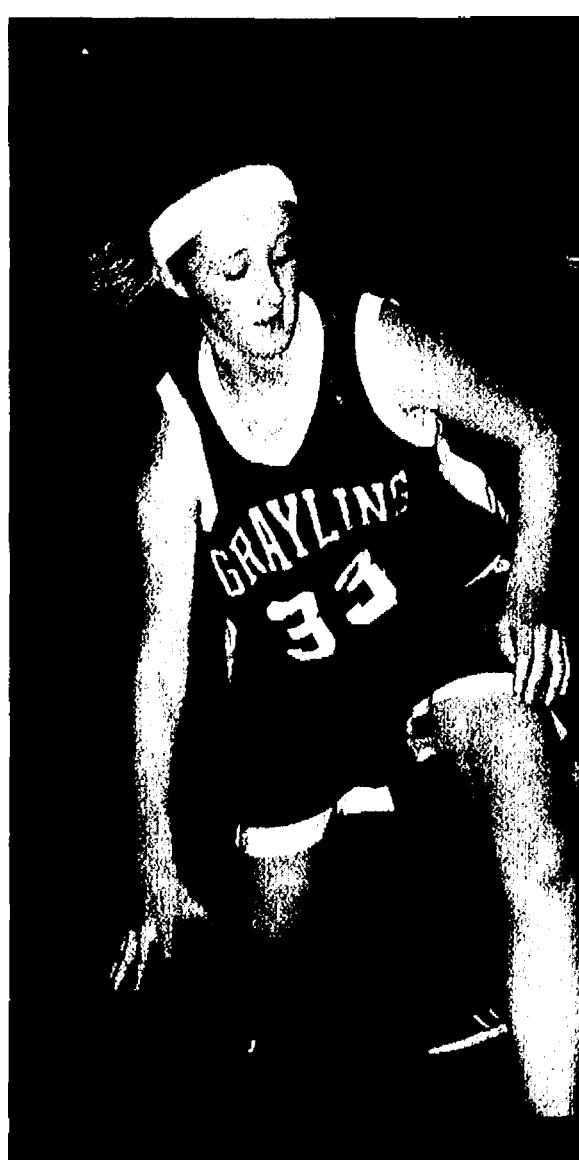
Marie Lautrup passes the ball to a teammate during Wednesday night's JV game.

after three quarters, 28-27. After four quarters of regulation, the score was tied at 34-34. The Vikings edged Leland 4-2 in overtime.

"We came out flat after a long exam week and a two-hour bus ride. Once we started moving and pressing we played better," Coach Pummell said. "We shot better from the field and free-throw line. Meagan Malm and Hannah Haven hit key free throws in overtime to get the win. I am proud of all the girls for their effort and desire to win."

Dorn finished with 12 points, seven steals, and four rebounds. Morley had eight points. Haven had six points, nine rebounds, and six steals. Whitney Schans had four points and five rebounds. Malm had three points and four steals. Lautrup had two points and four steals. Tandy Mitchell had two points. Benardo had one point, nine rebounds, and six steals. Pummell had three steals.

The Vikings (2-0 overall) will play at East Jordan at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 16.



Tara Pummell, left, dribbles the ball for GHS during Wednesday's JV game at Roscommon. Samantha Hansen, right, shoots for the Vikings.



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Cierra Prosser, left, and Shalee Miller, right, handle the ball for the Vikings during Wednesday's varsity game at Roscommon.



Bucks pull away late, Vikings fall 47-35 in season opener

Varsity team wins 58-45 at Leland on Friday

The Grayling Vikings cut Roscommon's fourth quarter lead to as few as five during Wednesday night's varsity girls basketball contest, but the Bucks – the home team – pulled away late in the game to win by 12, 47-35.

Roscommon outscored Grayling 14-9 in the first period. The Bucks hit three-pointers on back-to-back possessions late in the quarter. Grayling scored its nine points with a free throw by forward Caitlin Prosser, an inside shot by center Hali Miller, an inside shot by Prosser, a basket by guard Teresa Schreiber, and two free throws by forward Ann Hamlin.

Grayling opened the second quarter with an inside shot by Hamlin and a lay-up by guard Cierra Prosser. Roscommon scored on an inside shot. Schreiber made a lay-up for GHS. Guard Jo Hamlin stole the ball and passed to Schreiber, who scored, giving Grayling a 17-16 lead with 6:11 left in the first half.

In the next two minutes of clock time, Roscommon outscored Grayling 10-0 to lead by nine.

Schreiber converted a free throw at the 4:11 mark. Forward Katlyn Nye hit two shots from the free-throw line, cutting Roscommon's lead to five, 26-21, at the 2:09 mark. With two free

throws, the Bucks led by seven. An inside shot by Ca. Prosser – the last points of the second period – cut Roscommon's advantage back to five.

Neither team generated much offense in the third quarter; Roscommon scored eight and Grayling scored six. The Vikings got their points from an inside shot by Ca. Prosser, a jumper by center Abbey Thomas, and a put-back by Thomas.

In the first 3:25 of the fourth quarter Roscommon scored one point and Grayling didn't score at all. J. Hamlin hit a three-pointer at the 4:35 mark to pull Grayling within five, 32-27. Roscommon outscored Grayling 10-3 in the final 4:30 to win by 12, 47-35.

Schreiber finished with eight points and four steals for GHS. Thomas had seven points and nine rebounds. Ca. Prosser had seven points and nine rebounds. A. Hamlin had four points and seven rebounds. J. Hamlin had three points, Nye two, Ci. Prosser two, and Miller two.

"We played a little tight. With a new system and a new year, we started the game hesitant; however, after four minutes, the girls came roaring back from a 14-5 deficit to briefly take the lead, 17-16. After trailing 28-23 at halftime, the game was very consistent



Caitlin Prosser dribbles the ball for Grayling during last week's game vs. the Bucks.

until the second half of the fourth quarter, where we had to get drastic to try to close the deficit," Coach Joe Powers said.

On Friday night, the Vikings won 58-45 at Leland.

J. Hamlin had 18 points, seven assists, and six rebounds. Ca. Prosser posted a double-double with 11 points, 14 rebounds, five blocks, and four steals. Schreiber had 11 points, seven steals, and six rebounds. Thomas had 10 points and eight rebounds. "Leland put up a great

fight, jumping out to a 9-3 lead and a 13-6 lead. With constant full court pressure, our girls outscored Leland 20-3 to take a 26-16 lead into half. Starting out with a lot of determination, Grayling extended the lead through the third to 40-20. With lots of free throw attempts by Leland – 38 – the fourth quarter turned into a free throw shooting contest, reaching the final score of 58-45," Coach Powers said.

Grayling (1-1 overall) will host East Jordan on Friday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m.



Hali Miller, left, and Abbey Thomas, right, shoot for Grayling on Wednesday night at Roscommon High School.



Wrestlers place 3rd at Ludington tournament

Grayling High School's wrestling team opened its 2010-2011 season with a third place finish at Saturday's Ludington Wrestling Invitational, a six-team tournament.

Participating schools included Ludington, Benzie Central, Mason County Central, South Haven, Traverse City West, and Grayling.

South Haven, a team that Grayling lost to by three points, ended up winning the tournament. Mason

County Central, a team that beat Grayling by six points, took second. The Vikings were third.

Grayling's wrestlers each got five matches during the tournament.

At 103, Ghayge Toomey won four of his matches for Grayling, two by pin. Anthony Morse, 112, won one match. Grayling did not have a wrestler at 119.

Cody Elmy (125) won one bout and Olivia Peters (130) won twice.

Joe White, at 135, went

unbeaten with five wins, four by pin and one by decision, 10-2. Jacob Ervin (140) posted three wins, two by pin.

Paul Ferris, 145, a wrestler new to the varsity team this year, won four of five, pinning three of his opponents in the first round. At 152, Josh Hlandrich won three matches, two by pin. Ty Jensen (160) won four matches, one by pin.

Grayling forfeited at 171.

Rob Ryan (189) won twice by pin.

Ryan Randall (215), an 11th grader new to the team, went undefeated on Saturday, pinning all of his opponents.

Lucas Walesky, heavyweight, had an overtime win.

"This was a strong tournament for our guys and they held their own," a team official said. "Our new guys were truly impressive."

The Vikings will wrestle in a league meet at Charlevoix on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 6 p.m.

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Two Vikings earn all-league honors

Grayling High School's varsity volleyball program recently announced its award winners for the 2010 fall season, a list that includes two all-league selections and one all-region berth.

Rachel Cooper, outside hitter, earned an all-conference selection. Josie Swander, setter, earned an all-league honorable mention. Cooper was also named to the all-region Class A/B team.

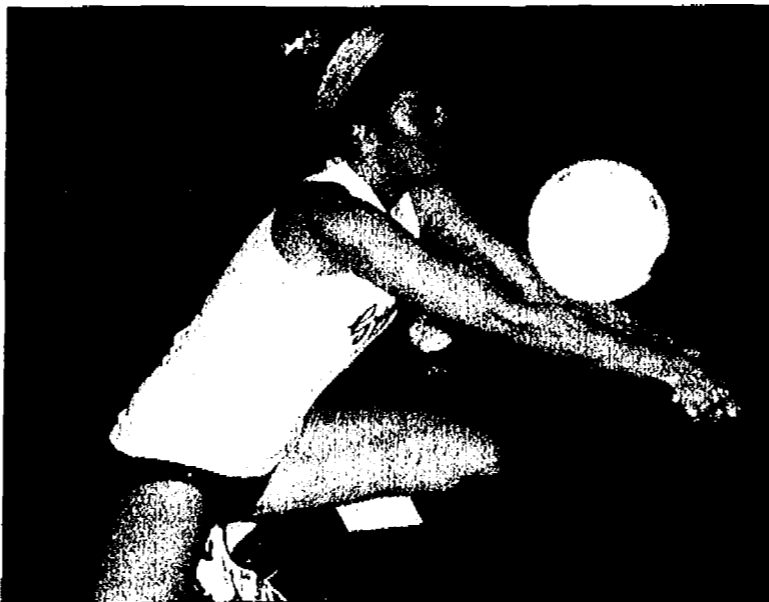
The team's "most valuable player" award went to Olivia Peters and Cooper. August Ledesma, backup setter, won "most improved player" honors.

Team leaders - most aces: 93, Cooper; most assists: 759, Swander; most digs: 261, Peters; most blocks: 43, Becca Money; most kills: 332, Cooper; best serve receive: 85%, Cooper; 92%,

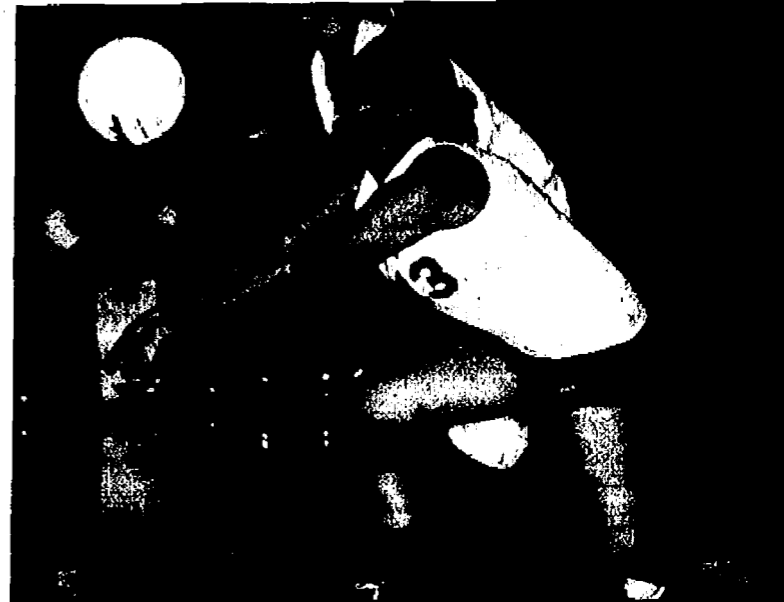
Stanna Dorn; 89%, Carlie Money 87%; B. Money 85%.

The squad earned academic all-state honors as a group this year.

The team had a 15-23-9 overall record this year, posting a fifth place conference finish with a 5-9 league record. Grayling took second place at tournaments in Roscommon and Gaylord.



Josie Swander
All-Conference Honorable Mention



Rachel Cooper
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Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 24 White Pine Estates, as Recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 30, Crawford County Records, and

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or

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Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or

some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 29, 2010.

Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: **PARCEL J-3:** Being a part of the South 1/2 of Section 18, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 18; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes 12 seconds West along the Section line, 688.91 feet; thence North 0 degrees 16 minutes 09 seconds West, 106.57 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing North 0 degrees 16 minutes 09 seconds West, 273.0 feet; thence South 88 degrees 12 minutes 28 seconds East, 1614.11 feet to the Westerly right-of-way line of I-15; thence 272.88 feet along a curve to the right, with a Radius of 11344.19 feet and a long chord of South 2 degrees, 50 minutes 47 seconds West, 272.88 feet; thence North 88 degrees 12 minutes 28 seconds West, 1599.27 feet to the Point of Beginning.

SUBJECT TO an easement for ingress and egress and installation and maintenance of public utilities over the Westerly 35.0 feet thereof. **ALSO SUBJECT TO** a 50.0 foot easement for installation and maintenance of advertising signs over the Easterly side thereof. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 25, 2010
For more information, please call: FC H (248) 593-1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #339904F01

-25-2-9-16

STATE OF MICHIGAN 46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION CRAWFORD COUNTY PUBLICATION OF HEATING CASE NO. 10-3894-NA PETITION NO. 01

TO: Gina Morrish

IN THE MATTER OF: Jazmin Higdon, DOB 09/16/2007
A hearing regarding whether one or more of the statutory grounds alleged in the petition are true, will be conducted by the court on January 19, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in Crawford County Family Court, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 before Hon. Monte J. Burmeister.
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Gina Morrish personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in permanent termination of your parental rights over the above named minor child.

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES)

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Kenneth E. Minard and Dawn C. Minard, husband and wife and Christopher Squire and Ashley A. Squire, husband and wife, as joint tenants of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. dated the 22nd day of October, A.D. 2008, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 6th day of November, A.D. 2008, as Book 693, Page 760 of Crawford Records, which said mortgage was assigned to GMAC Mortgage, L.L.C. thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$90,212.98 (ninety thousand two hundred twelve and 98/100) plus accrued interest at 7.500% (seven point five zero zero) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 12th day of January, A.D., 2011, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Grayling, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

SITUATED IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTH-WEST 1/4 OF SECTION 1, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 1; THENCE N01°01'41"E, 33.04 FEET; THENCE N87°49'00"W ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY OF FRIER TUCK LANE, 314.79 FEET; THENCE N06°45'50" W ALONG THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF LITTLE JOHN AVENUE, 1770.93 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N06°46'00"W ALONG THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF LITTLE JOHN AVENUE, 300.00 FEET THENCE; N83°14'18"E PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 82 OF SHERWOOD FOREST NO. 2 250.06 FEET; THENCE S06°46'00"E PARALLEL TO THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF LITTLE JOHN AVENUE 300.00 FEET TO THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 82; THENCE S83°14'18"W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 82, 250.06 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Commonly known as: 635 Little John Avenue

Parcel Number 040-42-001-09-030-01

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned

in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 9, 2010

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938)
Attorney for Plaintiff
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive
Suite 200-S
Troy, MI 48064
WWR# 10045057

NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Virginia Reichelderfer, unmarried woman, to Matrix Financial Services Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 5, 2002 and recorded March 12, 2002 in Liber 573, Page 29, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. as Trustee by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-One and 54/100 Dollars (\$57,371.54) including interest at 9.375% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 5, 2011. Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, Grayling Manor Subdivision, A part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 31, Town 27 North, Range 5 West, according to the plat thereof, Grayling Township, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: November 25, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 618.5967 ASAP# 3819417 11/25/2010, 12/02/2010, 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. **ATTN PURCHASERS:** This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid

amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William C Long and Alita R Long, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Mortgage- MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated August 27, 2007, and recorded on September 5, 2007 in Liber 688 on Page 393, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Sixteen and 28/100 Dollars (\$89,116.28), including interest at 7.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 22, 2010. Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, Hadley's Amended Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in liber 1 of plats, page 04, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 18, 2010
For more information, please call:
FC J (248) 593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #222304F02

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. **ATTN PURCHASERS:** This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Colin Cottrell a married man and Cheryl Cottrell a married woman joint tenancy with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 16, 2004, and recorded on August 27, 2004 in Liber 671 on Page 214, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Seven and 33/100 Dollars (\$70,857.33), including interest at 6.125% per annum. Under the power of sale contained

in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 12, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 33, Red Wing Terrace, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records, Township of Grayling Crawford County Michigan. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 9, 2010
For more information, please call:
FC S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #350574F01

NOTICE

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 248-539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

INITIAL FORECLOSURE NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACT 30 OF 2009. Notice is hereby provided to Matthew K. Cummins and Darlene M. Cummins, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property known as 1115 TRAILS END DRIVE, GRAYLING, MI 49738 that the mortgage is in default. The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer through its designated agent, Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. ("Designated Agent"), 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335, 248-539-7400 (Tel), 248-539-7401 (Fax), email: designatedagent@sspelegal.com. Matthew K. Cummins and Darlene M. Cummins also have the right to contact the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") at its website www.michigan.gov/msghda or by calling MSHDA at (866) 946-7432 (Tel). If Borrower(s) requests a meeting, no foreclosure proceeding will be commenced until the expiration of 90 days from the date Notice was mailed to the Borrower(s) pursuant to Section 3205(a) of HB 4454, Public Act 30 of 2009. If Designated Agent and Borrower(s) agree to modify the mortgage, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower(s) abide by the terms of the modified mortgage. The Borrower(s) have the right to contact an attorney or the State Bar of Michigan Lawyer Referral Service at (800) 968-0738 (Tel).

Pub Date: December 9, 2010

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Joyce Parish and Ralph Parish, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (here-

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inafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 2127 S Staley Lake Rd, Grayling, MI 49738-7366.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1304.

The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at http://www.michigan.gov/msghda or at (866) 946-7432.

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from December 3, 2010, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after December 3, 2010.

If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Dated: December 9, 2010
For more information, please call:
FC S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder
31440 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525
File # 353769F01

NOTICE

FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES US TO ADVISE YOU THAT COMMUNICATION WITH OUR OFFICE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE, AS YOU ARE ENTITLED TO SPECIAL PROTECTIONS. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE YOUR HOME! Bonnie D. Love 7229 West Batterson Road Frederic, MI 49733 County: Crawford State law requires that you receive the following notice: You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The person to contact and that has the authority to make agreements for a loan modification with you is: Orlans Associates, P.C. Loss Mitigation Department, P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041, (248) 502-1331. You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the

Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") website or by calling MSHDA. The website address and telephone number of MSHDA is: (www.msghda.info/counseling_search), telephone (866) 946-7432, TTY# 1-800-382-4568. If you request a meeting with the servicer's designate within 14 days after the Notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not start until 90 days after the date the Notice was mailed to you. If you and the servicer's Designate reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if you abide by the terms of the agreement. You have the right to contact an attorney. You may contact attorney of your choice. If you do not have an attorney, the telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service is 1-800-968-0738. Dated: December 9, 2010 Orlans Associates P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File Number: 200.7366 ASAP# 3837423 12/09/2010

PUBLICATION NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST ESTATE

STATE OF MICHIGAN - County of Crawford In the matter of: MARIAN L. SZYMANSKI, Deceased. Decedent's date of birth: December 6, 1942. Name of Trust: SZYMANSKI REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST Date of Trust: March 11, 2010.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in this matter may be barred or affected by the following:

The Settlor, MARIAN L. SZYMANSKI who lived at 8804 Big Creek Lodge Road Lovells Township, MICHIGAN, 49738 died JUNE 9, 2010. There is no probate estate.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust estate will be forever barred unless presented to: ALFRED P. SZYMANSKI, Trustee within 4 months of the publication of this notice.

This notice is published pursuant to MCL 700.7504. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom letters of administration have been issued.

Notice is further given that the trust estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Attorney for Trustee
FARRAH RAMDAYAL
P73402
117 CASS AVENUE,
STE. 202
MT. CLEMENS, MI 48043
(586) 493-7661

Trustee
ALFRED P. SZYMANSKI
168 S. MAIN STREET
MARINE CITY, MI 48039

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review will meet at the Grayling Township Offices to correct mutual mistake of fact, Principal Residence corrections, poverty exemptions and certain qualified errors on December 14, 2010 at 9 am.

Terry R. Wright, Supervisor
Monica Ashton, Clerk
MBOR/pak

NOTICE FREDERIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Frederic Township Board of Review will meet on December 14, 2010. Propose of meeting is to correct mutual mistake of fact or a clerical error. The BOR will convened at 10:00 AM at the Township Hall 7564 Co. Rd. 612 Frederic MI 49733.

William T. Johnson
Supervisor

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing is scheduled to receive public comment regarding a Conditional Land Use Permit in the C-3A (General Commercial) District for an Apartment Dwelling, the rear of a retail business on the first floor where the business is the principle use at 207 S. James Street (Property ID # 20-070-150-003-004-00).

The Public Hearing is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 21, 2010 in the Council Chambers at Grayling City Hall, 1020 City Boulevard. All interested parties may attend said Public Hearing and/or submit written comments to the Grayling City Planning Commission, c/o City Clerk, 1020 City Boulevard, P.O. Box 549, Grayling, MI 49738. Inquires may be directed to Zac Weaver, Zoning Administrator by calling 989-348-2131 or by email to: zoning@cityofgrayling.org.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact The Grayling City Office at 989-348-2131 seven days prior to the meeting.

Michele A. Miller
City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing is scheduled to receive public comment regarding a Conditional Land Use Permit in the C-1 (Local Service) District for Multiple Family Housing at 606 N. James Street (Property ID # 20-070-100-003-009-00).

The Public Hearing is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 21, 2010 in the Council Chambers at Grayling City Hall, 1020 City Boulevard. All interested parties may attend said Public Hearing and/or submit written comments to the Grayling City Planning Commission, c/o City Clerk, 1020 City Boulevard, P.O. Box 549, Grayling, MI 49738. Inquires may be directed to Zac Weaver, Zoning Administrator by calling 989-348-2131 or by email to: zoning@cityofgrayling.org.

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Michele A. Miller
City Clerk

Grayling Township seeks applicants for appointment to Board of Trustees

The members of the Grayling Charter Township Board of Trustees are currently seeking applicants for an appointment as a trustee to their board prior to the beginning of 2011 to fill a vacancy in an elected position which expires November 20, 2012. Upon expiration, the appointee will have to stand for election to retain the position for another four years.

The successful candidate should have prior knowledge or a desire to learn the inner workings of local township government. The three main duties of a trustee are 1) legislative oversight, 2) enacting laws, and 3) serving the needs of the constituency. Other main duties are evaluating proposals for change, and development and oversight of budgets. All duties include working with other board members for the benefit of all township residents.

The time necessary to serve will include at least one monthly meeting of approximately two-hours and, at times, other meetings or assignments as they may occur. All trustees receive a modest monetary stipend for their participation.

Please send a cover letter describing why you would like to be on the board, what resources you could bring to the process, and include a resume of your recent work history. Send your information to: Terry Wright, Supervisor, Grayling Charter Township; PO Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738.

The appointment could be made as early as Wednesday, December 15th for occupation of the position on January 1, 2011. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the supervisor during normal working hours.

Features

www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



December 10, 1964 - Bill Tobin of Frederic, with one of the final bucks taken in the 1964 season. Bill, who has taken 16 bucks in 17 years hunting, downed this big deer at 4 p.m. in the final day in a swamp near Frederic. This 8 point beauty weighed 138 pounds and the antlers had a 22 inch spread.

23 Years Ago December 10, 1987

The City of Grayling received a \$12,000 grant from the Weyerhaeuser Foundation to streetscape and place new lighting fixtures along downtown Grayling streets.

The GHS Class of '57 held their 30th reunion on September 18. Those present were Jim LaGrow, Charles Garland, Duke LaMotte, Coach Bruce Smith, Dave Lowe, Aubrey Welsh, Don Campbell, Claudette Long Elzinga, Carolyn Baker Townsend,

Beth Koerber Lucksted, Kay Parkinson Kenyon, Elaine Goss Campbell, Wayne Dutton, Margaret Gugin Warner, Gary Leslie, Mickey Mikesell Strong, Mrs. Evelyn Klein, Kay Ann LaMotte Morrill, Jean Smith Wilson, Bob Strong, Deanne Herrick Weiss, Judy Sorenson, Sandra SanCartier Martin, Bill Martin, Sally Minnear Borrousch, Tony Doremire, Mrs. Faye Bovee and Mr. Bob Bovee.

Six girls from the GHS basketball team received All-Conference honors - the

highest total ever honored in one season from the Grayling girls team. Seniors Carrie Trudgeon and Jenny Money received first team all-league honors. Juniors Lori Gust, Deanna Phelps, and Patti Tremblay and sophomore, Melanie Ojala received honorable mention.

The Grayling matmen opened their season in style last week winning a ten team Roscommon tournament and beating Gaylord and Sault Ste. Marie in a match. Six GHS wrestlers were crowned champions at Roscommon as Grayling won the tournament with 197 points. The six were Tim Cook, Mark Lowe, Buck Monforton, Jason Wright, Ward Jones and Brian Kernstock.

46 Years Ago December 10, 1964

The basketball squad of Frederic High School consists of Jan Gauthier, Steve Weaver, Rex Alma, Jim Weaver, Carl Roed, Charles Bearss, Fred Hinkle, Francis Hummel, Marty Bindshatel, Cliff Beck, Phil Lodge, Rick Post, Tom Koerke and Terry Valdick. The team is coached by Ron Freil.

The basement of the new library has been completed at a cost of \$7,000. Further building is dependent on

weather conditions and steel shipments.

69 Years Ago December 11, 1941

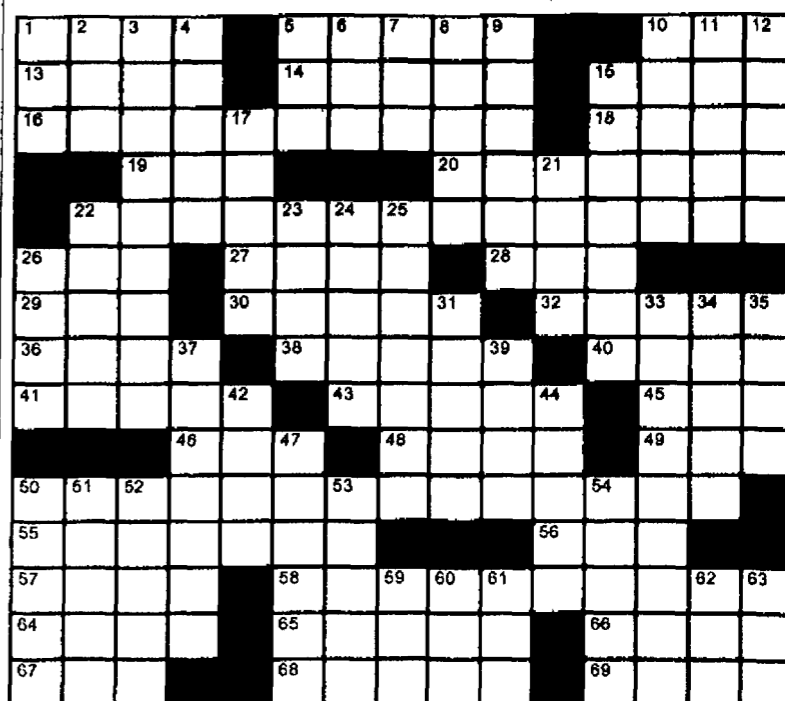
Sunday afternoon radios snapped at the startling news that Japan had attacked U.S. possessions at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, the Philippines and elsewhere. Excitement ran high, for if the reports were true, it meant that America was at war with that country. And definitely that was the truth. Without warning Japan had opened warfare on this country. Even while Japanese envoys were negotiating with Washington these surprise attacks occurred.

This coming Sunday, Dec. 14, Hunter's AuSable Dairy is asking the cooperation of all their customers in inaugurating a "no Sunday delivery" system. This enables drivers to spend Sunday with their families.

92 Years Ago December 12, 1918

Allan B. Failing is the new clerk at the Salling Hanson Co. Store. Mr. Failing has been employed at the DuPont company in the wood department, and on account of the wood operations at which he worked, ceased he has made this change.

CROSSWORD



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30. Dirty
32. "The Beast of Flats" (1961 sci-fi bomb)
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38. Graduated glass tube
40. Come into view
41. High nest: Var.
43. Facilitates
45. Center
46. Harvest goddess
48. Copper
49. Mail place: Abbr.
50. Offers lower prices
55. Memory loss
56. "___ any drop to drink": Coleridge
57. Large wading bird
58. Type of grass
64. Vermeer's "Woman with a ___"
65. Indic language
66. Hindu god
67. "Absolutely!"
68. Decided
69. Initial substance of the universe

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6. "Fantasy Island" prop
7. Toni Morrison's "___ Baby"
8. Birdlike
9. Style of Jamaican music
10. Like "The X-Files"
11. Artist's stand
12. Angry
15. Melodious
17. Propelled a boat
21. The "O" in S.R.O.
22. Sticky
23. Slap on
24. Any Time
25. Entice
26. European language
31. Affirmatives
33. Large marine eel
34. Brilliant feats
35. Early pulpit
37. Ecclesiastical district
39. Camping gear
42. An epic
44. Backgammon piece
47. Wooser
50. Per 24 hours
51. Permeate
52. Foul moods
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62. "The Three Faces of ___"
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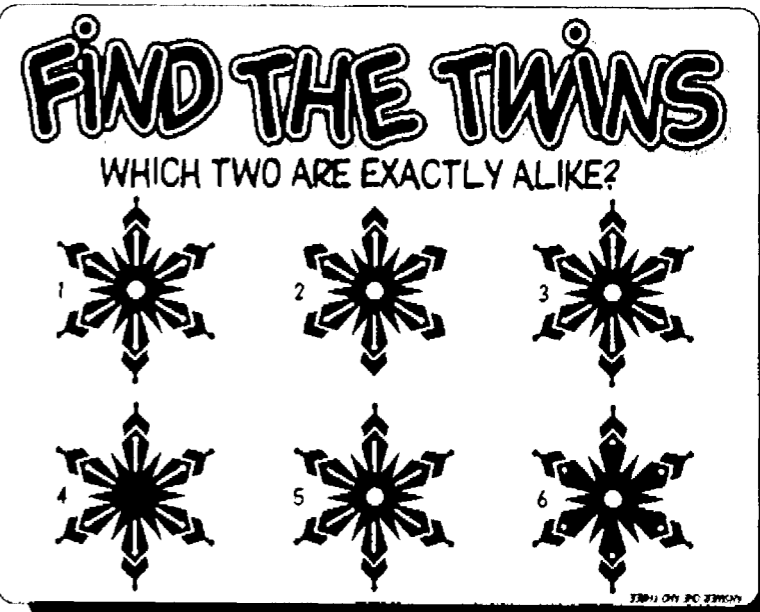
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HOROSCOPES

December 9, 2010



CAPRICORN
December 22 - January 19

You've held back for far too long. Go ahead and say what you think. Capricorn Your ideas are good. A new gadget makes a chore at home easier.



ARIES
March 21 - April 19

Aim high, Aries, and success will be yours. The race to finish a home improvement project heats up with an announcement. Go, go, go!



CANCER
June 22 - July 22

Take it easy, Cancer. A relative makes an unusual decision. Try not to make a big deal of it. Trust them and give them your full support. A date draws near.



LIBRA
September 23 - October 22

Lost touch with a relative? Work to get back in their good graces and reconnect with them. Libra. A flurry of activity at the office ends with a bang!



AQUARIUS
January 20 - February 18

You like to prove people wrong, and your determination will pay off this week as a project comes to completion. Celebrate your victory, Aquarius, with a night on the town.



TAURUS
April 20 - May 20

Love takes precedence above all else. Rearrange your schedule and find time for that special someone, Taurus. A memo puts a new spin on an old project.



LEO
July 23 - August 22

Confidence rises, and you manage to pull off the impossible. Celebrate your success with old friends and new, Leo. A repair is completed in the nick of time.



SCORPIO
October 23 - November 21

You will be more popular than ever this week, Scorpio. Enjoy it. The plans for a purchase must be put on hold until more research is done. What you see is not what you will get.



PISCES
February 19 - March 20

Lost faith in your fellow man? It will be restored this week, Pisces. Something at home is not what it seems. Time to don your detective hat.



GEMINI
May 21 - June 21

Speak before you think, Gemini, and damage will most certainly occur. A package arrives when you need it most. Make sure you thank the sender.



VIRGO
August 23 - September 22

Believe in yourself, Virgo, and you will go far. It really is that simple. A transportation issue is easily resolved with the assistance of a wise friend.



SAGITTARIUS
November 22 - December 21

You've pushed the envelope one too many times. Scale back your efforts, Sagittarius, and let nature take its course. A new do provides the lift you need.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

"Dog Days Of Summer" Extended Hours:
Tuesday thru Sunday - 10am to 3pm • Monday 10am to 5pm

ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our website for more information.



Jackson

Jackson's Christmas wish is to find a home and a family to love him! This wonderful 4ish year old (pictured here with famous author Jonathan Rand) is affectionate, intelligent and has had some training in basic commands and manners. He would be a fantastic new addition to a good family.

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Rain Inches
11/30	45	28	0.43
12/1	49	29	0.36
12/2	29	26	0.13
12/3	29	22	0.02
12/4	31	23	0.01
12/5	23	21	0.01
12/6	26	20	0.02

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 25	High 33	High 29	High 23	High 19	High 25
Low 22	Low 21	Low 19	Low 13	Low 15	Low 18
Mostly Cloudy	Snow Showers	Cloudy	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Low Snow Showers

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

CHOCOLATE RASPBERRY NAPOLEON

Ingredients:

1 sheet frozen puff pastry (1/2 of 17.3-oz. pkg.), thawed
7 squares Semi-Sweet Chocolate, divided
1 cup whipping cream

6 oz. (3/4 of 8-oz. pkg.) Cream Cheese, softened
1/2 cup powdered sugar
2 Tbsp. raspberry-flavored liqueur
1 pkg. (6 oz.) fresh raspberries (about 1-1/2 cups)

Directions:

HEAT oven to 400°F.
UNFOLD pastry sheet on lightly floured surface; cut along fold lines into 3 rectangles. Cut each rectangle crosswise into 4 smaller rectangles; place on baking sheet. Bake 15 min. or until golden brown. Remove to wire racks; cool completely.
MEANWHILE, melt 6 chocolate squares as directed on package; set aside. Beat whipping cream in medium bowl with mixer on high speed until soft peaks form.
BEAT melted chocolate, cream cheese, powdered sugar and liqueur in large bowl with mixer on medium speed until well blended. Whisk in whipped cream.
SPLIT each pastry rectangle in half. Spread each bottom half with 3 Tbsp. chocolate mixture. Cover with raspberries and pastry tops. Melt remaining chocolate square; drizzle over pastries.

Prep Time: 25 min
Total Time: 40min
Makes: 12 servings

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1. Real Estate

FRAMED-IN 3 BEDROOM 1 bath chalet with well and septic ready for you to finish. Located in Lakes of the North, a planned community with numerous amenities just 15 minutes from Gaylord in the heart of snowmobile country. \$49,900. Call Chris at 989-348-2495 (11/4/10/t/1)

REMODELED MOBILE in wooded setting near Grayling and Roscommon \$33,000 firm. Low down bank financing possible with proof of income. Leave message. 575-894-5685. (-9/1)

HOUSE FOR SALE 2-3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. 586-446-0004, 586-713-7500. (-2/8/10/t/1)

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with large attached one car garage and all ready for you to move in. Located in Lakes of the North, a planned community with numerous amenities just 15 minutes from Gaylord in the heart of snowmobile country. \$89,900. Call Chris at 989-348-2495 (11/4/10/t/1)

2. For Rent

NICE CLEAN TWO BEDROOM mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. \$425 month plus deposit. No pets. 348-2418. (-9-16-23-30/2)

VIKING VILLAGE CONDO very nice 2 bedroom, 2 bath, approximately 1 mile west of Grayling. Quiet community. Central air, forced air heat, natural gas, electric stove, dishwasher, fireplace, refrigerator, washer, dryer, 2 car garage, lawn care, snow removal, garbage pickup. Yearly lease. Call Bob at 348-6025, 352-229-1715. (-9-16/2)

EFFICIENCY CABIN ONE BEDROOM \$400 per month, \$400 security, \$50 cleaning fee. Utilities not included. No pets. 989-348-5124. (-9/2)

FOR RENT TWO BEDROOM duplex with new flooring and paint. All utilities included \$650 per month plus security deposit and references. 989-619-9689. (-9/2)

ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT on the AuSable in town. \$380 per month, plus utilities. Call 231-675-1619, 231-599-2895. (-11/4/10/t/2)

FOR RENT 3 BEDROOM home in Grayling. \$500/month plus deposit. 313-377-1112, 313-294-3266. (-2-9/2)

2. For Rent

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007/t/2)

ARBOR COURT in Grayling is accepting applications for 1 & 2 bdr. Rent is based on 30% of the adjusted gross income. For more information call Pam at 989-732-6237 or pick up application at 400 Madsen Street. Barrier Free Units available. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. TDD 1-800-649-3777. (-8/12/10/t/2)

FOR RENT EFFICIENCY APT. Everything you need, all furnished plus Dish network. Heat, lights, snow and garbage removal. Quiet setting on the AuSable, close to town. Call 348-8350. (-10/21/10/t/2)

2 ONE BEDROOM RENTALS utilities paid \$500 deposit, \$500 rent. Also, for rent 1 three bedroom. AuSable Rentals 348-2466, 390-5425. (-11/04/10/t/2)

KITCHENETTES FOR RENT MONTHLY No deposit & includes all utilities. Furnished rooms with cable TV, stove, refrigerator, heat. Western Trails Motel 989-348-7681. (-11-18-25-2-9-16-23/2)

HOUSE FOR RENT - Frederic area. 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 1,400 sq ft, 1 car garage on 10 acres. \$550 per month plus security deposit. Must have references. 989-348-2088. (-2-9/2)

VERY NICE CLEAN two bedroom duplex, totally remodeled. Laundry hookup, gas, storage, lawn care, no smoking. \$500. 8114 Insley Ave. 348-2178. (-11/25/10/t/2)

FOR RENT ONE BEDROOM Apartment in town \$485 per month includes heat and water. References and security deposit required. 989-619-9689. (-9/2)

LARGE 3 BEDROOM HOME near Higgins Lake. All appliances, newly painted, available immediately. \$550 per month, \$550 deposit. 989-821-6081. (-9-16/2)

2. For Rent

CLEAN, FULLY FURNISHED 1 bedroom home near Higgins Lake \$450 per month. Call 231-218-8529. (-9-16/2)

BEAUTIFUL, CLEAN FULLY FURNISHED 3 bedroom home, close to Higgins Lake - Kelly Beach area. Perfect for someone relocating \$625 per month. Call 231-218-8529. (-9-16/2)

WARBLERS MOTEL. Reasonable rates. Rooms available weekly or monthly. No pets, no smoking. 348-5500. (-9-16/2)

3 BEDROOM HOUSE for rent in city of Grayling, 404 Date St. Range, refrigerator, washer, dryer, large yard, storage shed. No pets. \$575 month plus \$575 security deposit. 989-348-4716. (-12/9/10/t/2)

2 BEDROOM 1 1/2 bath mobile in country near Roscommon and Grayling. Responsible with references and income. \$435 plus deposit. 575-894-5685, leave message. (-9/2)

3. Employment

PART TIME EMPLOYEE needed to complete on-site inspections for insurance underwriting purposes in Crawford county and surrounding areas. A reliable vehicle, computer with high speed internet access and a digital camera are required. Please submit a resume with contact information to bell@useipi.com. (-9-16/3)

2. For Rent

Grayling Pines Apartments

Grayling Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas and private patios/balconies. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

3. Employment

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3. Employment

ACCOUNTANT State of Michigan, Department of Community Health, Office of Audit, Grayling Regional Office. Performs financial audits on agencies and businesses that receive Medicaid or DCH funds. Significant overnight travel required. CPA and previous auditing experience preferred but not required. A bachelors degree with a minimum of 24 semester or 36 term credit hours in accounting is required. If interested, please go to www.michigan.gov/mdcs and click the MI Jobs link to find Job # 3901-11-20-004 Auditor E (9-P11). Please contact Angelina Graziano at (989) 348-5485 for any questions. MDCH is an equal opportunity employer. (-9-16/3)

MERCY HOSPITAL GRAYLING Senior Cook Needed. The Senior Cook is accountable for operational responsibility of Hot Food Production in the Food Services Department and Cafeteria. Assures and coordinates all Hot Food Production, assures food is presented in a professional and appealing manner. Assures that all Hot Food Production is the highest quality and taste for each area of service. These areas include: patient meal services (all therapeutic diets), Responsible for proper sanitation, serve safe methods, temperature documentation and follow-up training. Responsible for assuring accuracy and correct training methods while training new cooks. Minimum Requirements: High school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to communicate well and be able to read, write and give direction to cooks. Must be Serve Safe Certified and have a minimum of five years of institutional cooking experience. Must have the ability to remain unbiased, look at problems openly and facilitate problem solving within the cook's area. All qualified applicants please apply online at <http://mercygrayling.munsonhealthcare.org/>. (-2-9/3)

3. Employment

DANA TRANSPORT a nationwide tank carrier, is hiring company drivers and owner operators to work out of the Grayling, MI location. OVR 7-10 days, 2 years over the road experience required. 989-348-4373. (-9-16-23-30/3)

FIND THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME in the Avalanche For Rent Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811.

3. Employment

HELP WANTED HINTS When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811.

A growing medical practice in Grayling, MI is looking to hire a medical assistant. The position is part time. The ideal candidate would have 2-3 yrs experience in a medical office environment, be proficient in patient assessment, history taking, clerical skills, and test scheduling. The position will be a mix of clinical and clerical duties. The position will also require the applicant have exceptional people skills, integrity and self motivation with a focus on serving our patients. If you are looking for the opportunity to work with a great team that will challenge your abilities please submit your resume to: Office Manager, P.O. Box 431, Grayling, MI 49738

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Is seeking individuals to provide care for adults with developmental disabilities in two group homes in Roscommon County. Applicant must be willing to travel short distance to work between different homes. Rewarding work environment with staffing ratios of 1:3 or less. "Previous experience with behavioral health care services is a plus." Starting wage is \$7.40/hr, increase to \$9.94 /hr after paid training. Applicants must have proof of high school diploma/certificate, reliable transportation, and a working home telephone. Must have acceptable driving and criminal record checks. Serious applicants only need apply. Apply in person at the Houghton Lake Office, 2715 S. Townline Road, Houghton Lake, MI 48629. EOE

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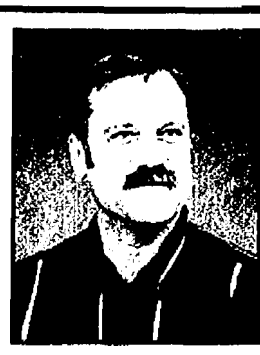


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1. Real Estate

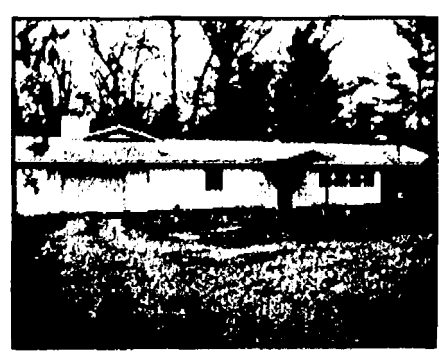


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1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. We are accepting applications for Seniors 62 years of age and older and Handicap/Disabled persons, regardless of age. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

2. For Rent

Cobble Creek II Apartments

a family community located in Grayling, MI is currently accepting applications for 1 Bedroom, 2 Bedrooms Apartments. Units of barrier free design may also be available. Rent is based on income.

For affordable housing call
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3. Employment

START OFF the new year with a new career. Contact Liberty Truck Driving School 888-602-5966, www.libertytruckdrivingschool.com. (-4-11-18-25-2-9-16-23-30/3)

4. Services Offered

LIFE PROBLEMS getting you down? Call GRACE Center, 989-348-2544. (3/19/09/t/4)

3. Employment

4. Services Offered

PERFECT PITCH PIANO TUNING Prompt, quality service. Serving all of northern Michigan. tgulick@perfectpitchtuning.com. Tom Gulick 888-370-2336. (-4/11/0/t/4)

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3. Employment

4. Services Offered

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D. HAWES / Driver's Training: Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08/t/4)

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GAMBLING PROBLEMS? Call Grace Center for help. 989-348-2544. (-6/10/10/t/4)

5. For Sale

FIREWOOD, FIREWOOD, FIREWOOD! Premium oak - holiday special 2 1/2 cord \$110. Split, seasoned, delivered, prompt. 989-915-1885. (-9/5)

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5. For Sale

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OAK FIREWOOD \$55 per face cord. Storm damage tree removal and snowplowing available. 989-390-3930. (-2-9/5)

CABIN LOGS rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR12/30/10/5)

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5. For Sale

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6. Wanted

BUYING SCRAP METAL All grades. SMR 989-275-6041. (10/16/08/t/6)

WANTED Junk vehicles, will haul, paying cash. Call Gene at Wakeley's Auto Parts, 989-348-5079. (LR12/30/10/6)

BUYING JUNK PICK-UPS '94 and up Chevy 2500 & 3500 4x4, factory equipped \$500. 888-468-7313. (-10/21/10/t/6)

8. Announcements

CHURCH ALIVE will be hosting Bill Conklin and a "Be in Health" seminar. He will be ministering on spiritual roots and pathways to sickness and diseases. Conference times will be Thursday, Dec. 9 and Friday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. 989-348-1278. (-9/8)

COOKIE SALE Saturday, Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. St. Mary's Family Center, Spruce St. (-9/8)

CUB SCOUT PACK 3993 is having its annual cake and cookie auction to benefit local charities Monday, Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m., AP/GE cafeteria. Questions 350-2811. (-9/8)

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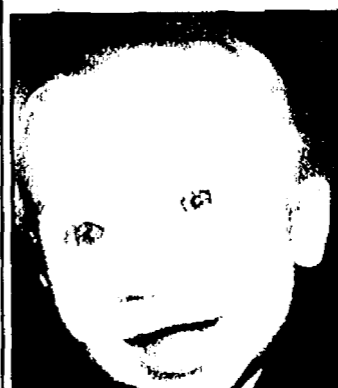


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9. Personals

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8 Announcements

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AUSABLE SPORTS BAR
inside the Ramada Grayling has Happy Hour 4 - 7 p.m. with \$1 Domestic Drafts and \$1 off Micro-Brews daily! Seniors, Military, Fire Department, Police Department and EMT's get 10% off everyday! 989-348-7611 for more info. (-9/8)

HALL FOR RENT Beaver Creek Township Community Center 989-275-8878. (LR02/24/11/08)

GRAYLING MOOSE LODGE #1162 will hold their Annual Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for ages 2 to 12 years. Get a gift and stocking and visit with Santa Claus. Open to the public. Located at S. Grayling Rd. and Old 27, Beaver Creek Township. (-9/8)

FREE SOUP, SALAD & FRUIT bar with purchase of all-you-can-eat spaghetti \$7.99, Wednesdays 4 p.m. - 9 p.m., at Grayling Big Boy. (-11/26/09tf/8)

MONDAY MADNESS! Open at 4 p.m. Burger and a Beer \$5 and Tequila Tuesdays! Open at 4 p.m. Discounts on all tequila drinks & \$1 an ounce NY Strip special at the AuSable Sports Bar inside Ramada Grayling. (-9/8)

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS
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11. Automotive

8 Announcements

WINGS WEDNESDAYS!
Open at 4 p.m. 10 wings and a beer \$8 and Thirsty Thursdays! Open at 4 p.m. Half off select appetizers & \$2 domestic longnecks 4 - 7 p.m. at the AuSable Sports Bar inside Ramada Grayling. (-9/8)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Place your organization's events on Crawford County's Community Calendar. Go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, under services, to submit your event. For more information, call our office at 989-348-6811. (-3/19/09tf/8)

FINALLY FRIDAY! Open at 4 p.m. Fish Fry - all you can eat Cod \$10.99, Deep Fried Walleye with fries and slaw \$11.99. DJ Dance Party after 9 p.m. AuSable Sports Bar inside the Ramada Grayling. (-9/8)

GAMEDAY SATURDAYS!
12 noon - 2 a.m. Watch your favorite college teams on one of our 9 flat screen T.V.'s! DJ Dance Party after 9 p.m. and Free Pool Sundays! 12 noon - 9 p.m. Pizza and a pitcher of beer \$14 all day. Play a game of pool or 10 - it's free! AuSable Sports Bar inside the Ramada Grayling. (-9/8)

10. Garage Sale

AUCTION! Dec. 11, 10 a.m., Perry Creek & M-33, Mio. Furniture, appliances, kitchenware, household, Christmas, collectibles, tools, sportsman, guns, coins & more! View online or call. Lets Talk Auction! 989-848-5158, www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-9/10)

11. Automotive

11 Automotive

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Some angels from the Sit n' Knit Club are pictured in front of the Friends of the Crawford County Library's Annual Mitten Tree. These talented ladies were happy to share some of their hand-knitted works of art for the tree at Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library. The Friends will distribute all the hats, scarves and mittens to needy families in our community. For information on joining either or both of these organizations contact the library at 348-9214.

Toys for Tots campaign gathers steam in Grayling

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A total of 774 children received toys through last year's Toys for Tots campaign.

Glen's Market in Grayling is selling Toys for Tots cut-out trains for the local Toys for Tots campaign.

Northrop said the Meijer store in Gaylord has donated \$3,500 worth of toys to Crawford County children.

On Friday, Santa Claus rolled into Grayling driving an 18-wheeler as part of the Coca-Cola Holiday Caravan. The tractor-trailer, which features 25,000 red and white sparkling lights, was parked in front of Dawson & Stevens Classic 50's Diner and Soda

Fountain and The Bottle Cap Museum.

Santa Claus said it is a privilege to drive the semi when he is not handling the reins of his sleigh.

"It spreads joy through all the cities that we visit and its just a wonderful, wonderful thing," he said. "It's a great experience."

Santa wished Merry Christmas to everyone in Grayling and loved his visit to the community.

"It's an awesome place and a beautiful place," he said.

Trevor Pellegrini of Roscommon said he had an "awesome" visit with Santa Claus and told him he wanted a radio-controlled Jeep for Christmas.

On Sunday, Dec. 12, the Ole Barn is hosting a benefit for Toys for Tots. Activities begin at 3 p.m. and the benefit will include six local bands and a comedian, who will appear at 6 p.m. U.S. Marine Corps Reserve members will be on hand all day along with radio personality Tammy Thompson of 98.5 UPS.

Patrons are encouraged to bring unwrapped toys or cash to the holiday benefit.

If people would like to make donations, they can send their checks to Toys for Tots in care of Linda Northrop at P.O. Box 527 Grayling, MI 49738.

If a business would like a Toys for Tots box, they can call Northrop at 348-6761.



On Friday, Santa Claus rolled into Grayling driving an 18-wheeler as part of the Coca-Cola Holiday Caravan for the Toys for Tots campaign. Above, Trevor Pellegrini of Roscommon visits with Santa Claus. Photo by Dan Sanderson

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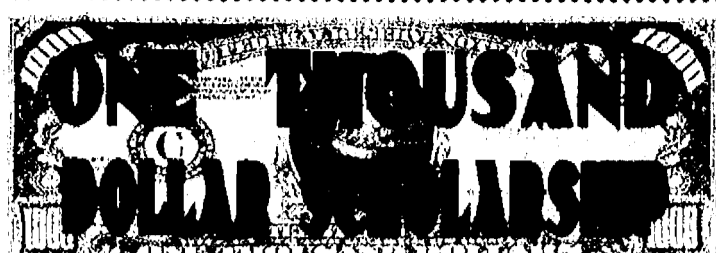
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Art Co-op seeks new home by May

The Winners Circle Art Gallery received a letter from building owner, Kelly Yousoufian in late November, requesting that the gallery be closed by the end of the year.

Winners Circle Art Gallery has been operating at Apollo's Lyre since April 2009. After the early stirring of interest in fine art in downtown Grayling surfaced during the annual downtown Christmas Walk in 2008, Yousoufian gave the Watershed Art Project permission to use her building for a special invitational art exhibit. The success of that show and several other art events that followed inspired Terry Dickinson to work out an arrangement where Apollo's Lyre would house a permanent art gallery operated by a coalition of local artists.

The lease Yousoufian offered the gallery for the

use of her building was very generous, which allowed the artists to prove that selling fine art can be a viable business in downtown Grayling. However, Yousoufian is now considering opening her own business in that location.

"Apollo's Lyre is a great location in the downtown and we really appreciate what Kelly has done for us, but it has limited space," Dickinson said. "As we seek a new home, we will be looking for a larger facility so we can expand on what we offer in the line of art and artists."


Dickinson also indicated the importance that the new location be open by early May so the business will not lose momentum. It was intentional that the gallery opened in 2009 during the low point of the economic downturn and the I-75 Business Loop

construction to establish a presence rather than playing catch-up as the economy improved. That strategy seems to have worked. The art gallery nearly doubled its sales in 2010 and some months were three times the 2009 sales.

Five local artists share their energy and expertise to make the gallery a success: Karla Kirkland, who does pet portraits, soft sculpture and a variety of other creative expressions, is an experienced and professional gallery curator; Kim Diment, a wildlife artist with national recognition, is currently included in the prestigious exhibition, "Art of the Animal." This exhibition marked its 50th anniversary and kicked off its traveling tour at the San Diego Museum of Natural History. Next year's international "Art of the Animal" exhibit will open

at Dennon Museum Center in Traverse City; Ken Wright has taught several classes on photography and his award-winning work is one of the gallery's best sellers; Jackie House, a former art teacher, works in both experimental watercolor and pit-fired pottery; Dickinson has painted murals for over 36 years and has a presence in more than a dozen cities across Michigan. His studio work ranges from landscapes to portraits.

Along with the five core artists, the gallery carried work from fifteen other award-winning artists from as far away as Kentucky, Texas and Canada and included jewelry, cast bronze, stained glass as well as the more traditional watercolor, oils and acrylics.



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